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OF THE

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OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, 1823, TO 1847.

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Authority having been given to the Board of Grand Officers to supervise the Printing of the Records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge,—

The undersigned, Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, having examined the Volume of the Printed Records prepared for publication by Br. Alfred Mudge, hereby pronounce the same to be correct and authentic.

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To Past Grand Masters

DANIEL HERSEY,

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE;

And to the Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Massachusetts,

This Volume is Respectfully Inscribed, by

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THIS compilation has been made, with the object of collecting the somewhat irregular and scattered Records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in order to arrange them in proper sequence. It will be seen that they have been kept, especially the earlier portion of them, without much regard to method, but it has been thought best to give them precisely as they exist — incomplete and even unintelligible as they will in many instances be found to be. With the exception of the preliminary statement and a few occasional explanations, this volume presented, is a faithful copy of the Records; and for the first time the transactions of the Grand Lodge are given to the Order in a continuous form. It is believed that the Order will be better satisfied by this plan than by any attempt to supply the breaks and defects in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from any source other than the official Records. The support of the members of the Order in this Commonwealth is respectfully solicited for this enterprise, which is the result of no little cost and labor.

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CONSTITUTION,

By-Laws and Rules of Order,

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been found expedient, and of great importance to mankind, to perpetuate those institutions which confer on them great and essential benefit. Therefore, the GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, for the more effectual purpose of binding each other in the bond of one common Union, by which we will be enabled to insure a co-operation of action, and of providing for the best interest of our beloved Order, based, as it is, upon the permanent principles of Universal Benevolence, Friendship, and Philanthropy, and to secure unto ourselves and posterity more effectually the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an institution, do ordain and establish the following as the CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Date of adoption.

Done in the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

ARTICLE I.

Style, title, and jurisdiction

This Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of the "Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America," and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States. It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America. All State, district, and territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and derive their

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General powers. authority from it. With it is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, district, and territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive,—and with the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, district, or territory, may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Such consent, however, not being necessary in a case when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. To it belongs the power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto; to fix and determine the customs and usages, in regard to all things which concern Odd Fellowship. This

Inherent powers. Grand Lodge has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists. Such Lodges and Encampments shall work by virtue of a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. The members of this Grand Lodge shall be, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Chaplain, and the Representatives from State, district, or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, acting under legal, unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

Officers elective. The elective officers shall be, Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, at the stated meetings of this Grand Lodge, in September, except the Grand Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected during the pleasure of this

When installed. Grand Lodge; and who shall be duly installed, and enter on the duties of their office, at the stated meeting next ensuing their election. The Right Worthy

Officers appointed. Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian, and Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, if approved of by the Grand Lodge,

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they shall be installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers. If, however, any of the above elective officers shall fail to appear to be installed into their respective offices at the time provided, the particular office shall be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall, in that event, proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy, and the officer or officers so elected, shall be accordingly installed. They shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer.

When installed.

Consequence of failure to install.

Attendance necessary.

ARTICLE IV.

The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order, and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided; but shall not vote on any other occasion. During the recess of this Grand Lodge, he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto. He shall not hold any elective office in any State, district, or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, while acting as Grand Sire.

Of Grand Sire; duties.

Not to hold elective office in other branches of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence; and in the absence of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge shall elect a Grand Sire *pro tempore*.

Of Deputy Grand Sire; duties.

Of Grand Sire, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The Grand Recording Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; summon the members to attend at stated and special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand or Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; he shall read all petitions, reports, and communications, and perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require. He shall receive for his services such sum of money as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Of Grand Recording Secretary; duties.

His compensation.

SEC. 2. The Grand Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters and communications, and carry on,

Of Grand Corresponding Secretary; duties.

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under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, the correspondence, and transact such business of this Grand Lodge, appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge, during his continuance in office. All communications transmitted or received by him, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for its decision.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Grand Treasurer; duties.

The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated meeting in September, a full and correct statement of his accounts.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Past Grand Sires, their privileges.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, *provided* they be not Representatives.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Grand Guardian; duties.

The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to depart without the password.

ARTICLE X.

Of Representatives; qualifications.

Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments must be Past Grands, in good standing, who have received the R. P. Degree,—they must have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent, and be furnished with a certificate, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of the United States
of the I. O. O. F., F. L. T.

Form of certificate.

This CERTIFIES that P. G. ——— has been duly appointed (or elected Representative from the Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) of ———, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the period of one year from the date hereof.

Witness our hands and the seal of Grand ———, this —— day of ———, A. D. 18—.

[SEAL.] G. Master,
G. Secretary.

[Or as the case may be,]

[SEAL.] G. P.
G. Scribe.

No brother shall represent a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge, unless he resides in the State, district or territory where the Grand Lodge

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or Grand Encampment of which he offers himself as a Representative, is located.

Each Representative shall be entitled to vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge, in the manner following, to wit: Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having less than one thousand members, one vote; and each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having more than one thousand members, one additional vote; the annual returns of the several Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments to determine the number of votes each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is entitled to. No officer of this Grand Lodge, unless he be a Representative, shall be permitted to vote, except in the case of Grand Sire, or Past Grand Sires, as herein before provided; and no Representative shall represent more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment at the same time.

Manner of voting.

Restrictions on Grand Officers and Grand Representatives.

ARTICLE XI.

The Grand Lodge of the United States shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, and on its own adjournment; and, *specially*, on the call of the Grand Sire. When the purpose of meeting is the granting of a charter, the Grand Sire may convene the Grand Lodge upon causing two weeks' notice to be given to the Representatives of the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and communicating to them the special purpose thereof. In other special cases, the Grand Sire shall cause two months' notice to be given to the different State, district, and territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called. In no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, except notice thereof shall be given as above stated. The hour of meeting shall be nine o'clock, A. M., and in such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Of Annual Sessions. When held.

Of Special Sessions.

Mode of convoking.

Hour and place of meeting.

ARTICLE XII.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows: Of revenue.

1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charter, $30,00. From charters.

2d. Fees for charter for Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, $30,00.

3d. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, holding warrants from this Lodge, 10 per cent. on their receipts. From Lodges and Encampments.

4th. Dues from State, district, or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, viz: $20,00 per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge. From Grand Lodges and Encampments.

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ARTICLE XIII.

Of vacancies.

In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal of the Grand Sire to serve, the duties of the office shall be performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire until the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when an election shall be had for Grand Sire. And in case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed officer, the Grand Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting, when an election or appointment, as the case may require, shall be had.

How filled.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of nominations, qualification and election of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire.

Each Grand Lodge and each Grand Encampment, working under an unreclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, may by its Representative, nominate a candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and also a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Sire. The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have received the R. P. Degree, and be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge,—a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to elect a Grand Sire, or Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE XV.

Of quorum and decisions.

A majority of Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

ARTICLE XVI.

Of By-Laws.

By-Laws, in conformity with this Constitution, may be made, which shall not be altered or amended, unless such amendment be made at a stated meeting, and be assented to by two-thirds of the votes given.

ARTICLE XVII.

Of amendments.

Any alteration or amendment of this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Lodge, in writing, at a stated meeting thereof, and, if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes: at the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution.

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BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Subordinate Lodges, how established.

ARTICLE 1. Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order, in good standing, praying for a charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in a State, district, or territory, where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Subordinate Lodges receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be opened by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputized therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall at the opening thereof give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited, at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

Subordinate Encampments, how established.

ART. 2. Upon petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment in a State, district, or territory, where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Encampments receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or by a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited, at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, District Deputy Grand Sire, or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose.

Of reports from Subordinates.

ART. 3. Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under a warrant from this Grand Lodge, shall transmit to the Grand Recording Secretary, regular quarterly reports of their receipts, and shall embody in said reports the same information as provided for State Grand Lodges, in Article 11, of these Laws, together with the per centum due this Grand Lodge.

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Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments, how establishd.

ART. 4. Three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, located in any State, District or Territory, where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Past C. Patriarchs, in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the Charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in such State, District or Territory, which if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or Patriarch, whom he shall deputize for that purpose.

Manner of making application.

ART. 5. All applications for Charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, must be by a vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the State, District, or Territory, as follows: When three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the State, District or Territory, inviting them to meet in consultation, at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Patriarchs, as Representatives, to meet in Convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter, as well as to determine upon the place for the erection of the Grand Lodge or Encampment, (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a Representative, or should the Representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its Representative a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these Representatives the votes shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to-wit:

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

Form of petition.

The petition of ——— Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. 1, ——— No. 2, ——— No. 3, of ——— re-

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spectfully represent, that at present they work under warrants granted by your honorable body ; that the Order has increased in the ——— and at present they have —— Past Grands, (or Past C. Patriarchs,) in good standing. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order, if a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) was established in the ——. They therefore pray your Honorable Lodge to grant a Charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the State of ——— to be located at ———.

WITNESS our hands and seals this —— day of ———, A. D. 18—

A. B. *Representative of No.* 1.
C. D. *Representative of No.* 2.
E. F. *Representative of No.* 3.

Expenses of opening Officers, how borne.

ART. 6. All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, Past Grand or Patriarch, deputized by him to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

Fee required to accompany petition for all charters.

ART. 7. Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

Extent of jurisdictions.

ART. 8. No more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any State, District or Territory.

Impression of seals required to be deposited in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 9. Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Constitutions of all bodies directly subordinate required to be submitted.

ART. 10. The Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

Of returns of Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments.

Information required to be reported.

ART. 11. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give full information of the number of members in good standing, names of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, number of initiations, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawal by card, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers,

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amount expended for relief of widows and orphans, amount expended for education of orphans, whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Recording Secretary, at least one month previous to the Annual Meeting of this Body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this Body is held.

Forms to be furnished. To whom and when to be made, accompanied by dues, etc.

Arrearage, a disqualification to vote.

ART. 12. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall be in arrears more than one year for dues to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representative.

Dispensations, how granted in the recess.

ART. 13. During the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Recording Secretary shall be authorized to grant dispensations to open Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments: which shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge for approval and confirmation at its next annual meeting.

Yearly P. W. how transmitted and to whom entrusted.

ART. 14. The Grand Sire shall, through the Grand Representatives, at each session of the Grand Lodge, forward immediately, a yearly password to the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge, the Grand Patriarch of each Grand Encampment, and to the N. G. of Subordinate Lodges, and the C. P. of Encampments working under this jurisdiction; and the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch shall communicate the same to the N. G.'s of the several Lodges, and the C. P.'s of Encampments in his State, District or Territory. The said yearly P. W. to go into operation on the first day of January in each and every year.

Period of use.

Membership to be retained in no more than one body of a class, etc.

ART. 15. No person shall hold membership, in more than one Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment at the same time; nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

Transfer of jurisdiction takes place on the establishment of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, etc.

ART. 16. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State, District or Territory, all the Lodges and Encampments in said State, District or Territory working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the

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United States, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the State, District or Territory in which they are located; and no Lodge or Encampment situated in one State, District or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Encampment of another State, District or Territory.

Of admission of visitors or deositors.

ART. 17. No brother can be admitted to visit, or deposite his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he present a card or certificate under the signature of the officers and seal of the Lodge of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name, in his own proper hand writing, and prove himself in the travelling P. W. and in the Degree in which the Lodge is open. *Provided, nevertheless,* a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

Proviso.

Of District Deputy Grand Sires and their duties.

ART. 18. At each Annual Session the Grand Sire shall appoint in each State, District or Territory, in which there are not a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, an officer to be styled "District Deputy Grand Sire," whose duty it shall be to act as the special agent of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the matters herein specified, viz.:

1. To act for the Grand Sire and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the G. L. of U. S. in the particular District for which the D. D. G. Sire may be appointed.

2. To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his District as the Grand Sire shall direct.

3. To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to any thing which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

4. To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary and obey the special directions of that officer.

5. To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of United States.

6. To make Semi-annual reports of his actings and doings to the Grand Sire.

7. D. D. G. Sires shall in no case interfere, as officers of this Grand Lodge, with the State Grand Lodges or Encampments.

8. To qualify a brother for the appointment of D. D. G. Sire, he must be a regular contributing member

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of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of P. G. and R. P. D.; and in States where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointments of D. D. Grand Sires shall be made at each Annual Session, to continue for one year, but they may be revoked for cause during the recess by the Grand Sire.

Representatives how examined.

ART. 19. The Representative of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the D. G. Sire as to his qualifications for the office, previous to taking his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States. On taking his seat he shall be furnished by the Grand Recording Secretary, with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. His expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge or Encampment, and should he neglect or refuse to attend the meetings of this Lodge when duly notified, he shall be fined five dollars, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge.

Their expenses and liabilities.

Furnishing documents and papers.

ART. 20. Each state, district or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representative with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office.

Printed proceedings, how distributed.

ART. 21. Each state, district or territorial Grand Lodge, shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed amongst its subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Encampment and Lodge working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect, at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

By whom.

To whom moneys are to be paid.

ART. 22. All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Recording Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

Uniformity to be strictly observed.

ART. 23. All state, district or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the

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Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments responsible.

Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt or use, or suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia, than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Of prayer.

ART. 24. All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, may at all times open and close their regular meetings with prayer.

Of regalia for subordinate Lodges.

ART. 25. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:—Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, *i. e.*, first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of which trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes; of the V. G., blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

For Grand Lodges.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree, may have trimmings of yellow metal. The Grand Officers and Past Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

For Encampments.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and of those Patriarchs who have attained to the R. P. Degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

Of drafts on the Grand Treasurer for payments of moneys.

ART. 26. All expenses of this Grand Lodge shall be paid by an order drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Sire, and attested by the Grand Recording Secretary, the same being authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Of Installations.

ART. 27. The installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges shall be conducted only in manner and form as provided by the Installation Books.

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The manner of opening the Grand Lodge.

ART. 28. At the appointed hour, the Grand Sire shall take the chair and organize the meeting by directing the Grand Recording Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which, the Secretary shall make report of the number of Representatives present. When, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire shall call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats; after which, the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened. The business of the session shall

Of closing.

then be taken up as provided in the Rules of Order; and when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge degree, not to be conferred except for service.

ART. 29. State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view to increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's Chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges, and cannot legitimately be reached by any other means.

Prohibition from initiating persons from distant States.

ART. 30. State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant states, by prohibiting the subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood.

Members entitled to wear regalia according to rank.

ART. 31. Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia.

Design of the Pass Word.

ART. 32. The A. T. P. W. is designed for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong: and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions pro-

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perly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge, and the C. P. and S. W. of an Encampment are to be privately put in possession of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to confer or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State, and their regular Deputies, should of course also be in possession of it.

Of amendments.

ART. 33. Any alterations or amendments to these By-Laws must be proposed in writing, at a regular annual communication, and may be considered and acted upon the same session, but not on the day they are offered.

Repealing clause.

ART. 34. All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Presiding Officer having taken the Chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavil there shall be a general silence.

2. The business shall be taken up in the following order :—The Grand Lodge shall be opened as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. The Grand Recording Secretary will report on certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to a Committee.

4. The Minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

5. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following Committees, each to consist of three members, viz:—Committee on the State of the Order ; Committee on Petitions ; Committee on Finance ; Committee on Returns and Reports of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments ; Committee of Correspondence.

6. The Grand Sire shall also appoint a Committee, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to take in charge, and prepare for the action of the Grand Lodge, all business appertaining to State Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, which shall not be represented by the personal attendance of delegates.

7. Report of Grand Sire as to his acts and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge. Of which report, the Grand Sire be authorized to have two hundred copies printed, provided the work can be done in time to place the copies on the tables of members, at the proper time for laying that annual document before this body, but not otherwise.

8. Annual reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in which the latter officer shall submit a statement of all the receipts and expenditures, on account of his office, during the year, designating in detail the sources from whence the moneys are received, and the objects for which they are expended ; both of which reports may be printed, either together or separately, as may be most convenient, in the same manner as is above provided, for the annual report of the Grand Sire—it not

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being intended, however, that the presentation of either of these reports shall be delayed, in order to have them printed.

9. Petitions presented, read and referred.

10. Other communications presented and read.

11. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge.

12. Election and Installation of officers for the ensuing term shall take place on the second day of the session.

13. During the sitting of the Grand Lodge, each Representative or visiter, on entering or leaving the Lodge, shall address the Presiding Officer with the sign of the R. P. Degree.

14. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the Chair—it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

15. When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend, and the motions just enumerated shall take precedence in the order of enumeration. The first four shall be decided without debate.

16. On a call of the Representatives of three states, districts or territories, a majority of the Lodge may demand that the previous question shall be put, which shall always be in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" and until it be decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

17. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Lodge, without debate.

18. Before putting a question, the Presiding Officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it. While the Presiding Officer is putting a question, or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of, or across the room, nor entertain private discourse; and after he shall have risen to put it, no member shall speak upon it.

19. The Presiding Officer, or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge.

20. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia, according to his rank and station, and occupying his place at the seat designated for his state.

21. In the election of officers, the Grand Sire shall put the question of the nomination of Grand Sire, and the election shall proceed before the nomination of Deputy Grand Sire, and so with the other officers. During the progress of a ballot for an officer, no motion can be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

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22. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

23. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Lodge, or any of its members.

24. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. And no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

25. If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

26. The decisions of the Chair, on points of order, may be appealed from by any member, and in such cases the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?"

27. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

28. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of its purport shall be entered upon the journal.

29. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

30. Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit.

31. When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by Yeas and Nays, they shall be ordered and recorded.

32. The vote by States may be called on any question, if required by two States.

33. All Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise ordered.

34. Any member who voted with the majority may call for the re-consideration of a vote, at the same session in which it was passed. And if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the reconsideration shall be carried.

35. No matter shall be considered at each morning session of the Grand Lodge until all reports of Committees are gone through with; and the Grand Sire shall call for the reports of Committees in the order of their appointment.

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CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER,

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Revised and corrected February 5th, 1846.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

First Section.—Style and Title.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS," and shall be composed only of the Past Grand Masters, Officers formally installed, and the Representatives of Lodges regularly chosen, and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

Second Section.—Powers.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction over its Subordinates within the State of Massachusetts; and is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction. No Lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters;—of suspending or taking away Charters at pleasure, for proper cause;—of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in Lodges;—of originating and regulating the means of its own support;—and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERS.

First Section.—Qualification for Membership.

Clause 1.—The members of the Grand Lodge shall be Past Grand Masters, and Past Grands who have been duly and regularly

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elected as Representatives of Lodges, in conformity with this Constitution, who shall receive the Grand Lodge Degree before taking their seats as members.

Clause 2.—Upon the election of any member of the Grand Lodge to any elective office, his seat as Representative shall be vacated, and the Subordinate Lodge which he represents shall fill the vacancy by a new election.

Clause 3.—Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge. Every Lodge having one hundred members shall be entitled to two Representatives, and one Representative additional for every one hundred members; *Provided*, That every Past Grand, on the Certificate of his Lodge, shall be entitled to receive his degrees and attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Second Section.—Election of Members.

Clause 1.—Each Subordinate shall, at the last meeting in June, annually, elect by ballot, from among the Past Grands, who are in good standing, such number of them as the Lodge is entitled to, to serve as Representatives for one year from the first Wednesday of the ensuing August.

Clause 2.—Subordinates may at any time elect from among their qualified members such additional Representatives, as they may be entitled to, to serve until the next annual election; but such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made.

Clause 3.—Subordinate Lodges not having a qualified Past Grand to serve as Representative, may choose in the same manner, and for the same term, or for a less term, any qualified Past Grand of another Lodge, as a Proxy Representative, who shall be invested with full powers as a Representative of the Subordinate so choosing, for the time being.

Clause 4.—No member shall act as Representative and Proxy Representative at the same time; nor shall any act as Proxy for more than *one* Subordinate at the same time.

Third Section.—Expulsions.

Any member being guilty of conduct in derogation of the character of the Order, in or out of the Grand Lodge, on being regularly convicted, shall be expelled from his seat as Representative, and prevented from visiting this body. But should he be again elected to membership, he shall not be liable to the previously had action of the Grand Lodge—or to new action for the same offence. The mode of Trial in the Grand Lodge shall be the same as in Subordinates.

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ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.

First Section.—Officers and Mode of Selection.

Clause 1.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be:

1st. Most Worthy Grand Master.
2d. Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
3d. Right Worthy Grand Warden.
4th. Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
5th. Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
6th. Right Worthy Grand Chaplain.
7th. Right Worthy Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall be elected by ballot, annually at the session in August.

Clause 2.—The Appointed Officers shall consist of

8th. Worthy Grand Marshal.
9th. Worthy Grand Conductor.
10th. Worthy Grand Guardian, and a Worthy District Deputy Grand Master for each District; who shall be appointed annually by the Most Worthy Grand Master, by and with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Second Section.—Duty of Officers.

Clause 1.—The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge;—he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; he shall appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem.*, and all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge;—he shall give the casting vote in all cases when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by Representation, and at the election of Officers he shall appoint all Grand Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;—he may order Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it; and shall call a Special Session on the written request of seven members. After any sum of money may have been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same;—he, or any of his deputies, may grant dispensations, on the application of a Lodge, to confer Degrees on a member without Delay—he shall, in person, or by deputy, confer all official Degrees; and when officially visiting the Subordinates, shall be received with the honors of the Order.

Clause 2.—The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the Most Worthy Grand Master in presiding, and, in his absence, shall fill the Chair for him. In the event of the resignation, death or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall become, *ex-officio*, Grand Master, until the next Regular Session thereafter.

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Clause 3.—The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge ;—he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door ;—and, in the absence of the Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

Clause 4.—The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every meeting, and transmit, immediately after the closing of the Regular sessions, quarterly, to the Subordinates, printed copies thereof ;—he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, and pay it over to the Grand Treasurer immediately ;—he shall notify each of the Subordinates of all Special Sessions ;—he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct ;—he shall be, *ex-officio*, Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns ;—it shall be his duty to keep his office open six regular and suitable hours, daily, for the transaction of business ;—and he shall receive and deliver at the office of the Grand Lodge all commmnications left there for the Subordinates ;—and he shall execute to the G. M., D. G. M., and G. W., in trust, a bond, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of his trust :—and for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to a salary of Seven Hundred Dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Clause 5.—The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the Grand Lodge ;—he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary ;—he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct ;—he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner ;—exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts, and to whom paid ;—the purposes and amounts of disbursements ; he shall have his accounts closed at every Regular Session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit, by the Grand Secretary, quarterly, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts :—and he shall execute to the G. M., D. G. M., and G. W., in trust, a bond, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of his trust.

Clause 6.—The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge, and open and close the same with prayer.

Clause 7.—The Right Worthy Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and faithfully represent the interests of this Grand Lodge. They shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by Article X. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The necessary expenses of the Grand Representatives shall be paid by this Grand Lodge.

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Clause 8.—The Worthy Grand Marshal shall assist the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in supporting the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand Lodge ;—he shall attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates, when requested so to do by that officer; issue his proclamations when necessary, and obey his commands.

Clause 9.—The Worthy Grand Conductor shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Clause 10.—The Worthy Grand Guardian shall attend at the outward door of the Grand Lodge, and allow none to enter or depart without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

Clause 11.—The Worthy District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the organs of the Grand Master with the Subordinates in the respective Districts ;—they shall each have power to grant dispensations to Lodges in his District, for conferring degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it ; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly ;—to confer official degrees on Past Officers, to whom they may have been voted by their Lodge ;—to install the Officers of the Lodges under their charge, or cause it to be done by qualified Past Grands. They shall visit all Lodges in their jurisdiction at least once a term, and see that the work is done correctly ;—and report quarterly to the Grand Master, in writing. The Grand Master shall lay the Reports before the Grand Lodge, at the next quarterly meeting.

Clause 12.—All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may require.

Third Section.—Qualifications for Office.

Any brother having received the Grand Lodge Degree, shall be eligible for any Grand Office, except for Grand Master or Grand Representative, for which he shall not be eligible unless he has attained the R. P. Degree ;—and no brother shall be eligible to two elective offices at the same time.

Fourth Section.—Mode of Election.

Clause 1.—On the day of election each Representative shall deposit a ballot for a candidate for the office to be filled ;—the ballots shall then be counted, and the three brothers having the highest number of ballots shall be the candidates.

Clause 2.—All Elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the valid votes given. If neither candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued, but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

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Clause 3.—In balloting, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll, beginning with Past Grand Masters by seniority, Elective Officers in rotation, Lodge No. 1, and continue in the order of Lodges successively. Each Representative shall deposit his votes when the name of his Lodge is called; and, should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one shall be had.

Fifth Section.—Installation.

Clause 1.—The Grand Officers shall be installed during the Regular Session, at such time as the Grand Lodge may determine. The present Grand Master, or any past Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Clause 2.—All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and to the Installation of their successors.

Sixth Section.—Removal.

Clause 1.—Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office, for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to removal.

Clause 2.—No Officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a Past Grand Master shall preside while any question arising therefrom, shall be under consideration.

Seventh Section.—Vacancies.

All vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or removal from office, shall be filled in the same manner, and for the residue of the term of the former incumbent.

Eighth Section.—Standing Committees.

Clause 1.—There shall be appointed, at each Annual Session, the following Standing Committees, viz.:

1st. Committee of Elections and Returns.
2d. Committee of Finance.
3d. Committee of Correspondence.

Clause 2.—The Committee of Elections and Returns shall consist of the Grand Secretary and two members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the Chair at the time of opening the Session;—and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge without delay, on the regularity of the returns of the Subordinates, and of the election and eligibility of members.

Clause 3.—The Committee of Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the

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approval of the Grand Lodge; whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge previous to their being passed for payment by the Grand Lodge; —to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, quarterly;—and to suggest such measures of Finance as they may deem expedient.

Clause 4.—The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all correspondence of the Grand Lodge; and to suggest any measures in the nature of the business of their appointment.

Clause 5.—Every matter of appeal or grievance from Lodges or members of Lodges shall be referred to a special Committee, subject to the challenge, for reasons given, of either party interested, whose duty it shall be to investigate fully and report thereon such action as may be necessary in the Grand Lodge; and if the report of such Committee be in favor of a new trial by a Committee of the Grand Lodge, such committee, appointed in pursuance thereof, shall be subject to the challenge of either party interested, for cause shown.

ARTICLE IV.

OF SESSIONS, ETC.

First Section.—Sessions.

Clause 1.—The Grand Lodge shall hold four regular sessions in each year, viz.: on the first Thursday of August, November, February and May; the first of which shall be distinguished as the "ANNUAL SESSION," the others as "QUARTERLY SESSIONS," during either of which it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is disposed of. And all Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held at the City of Boston.

Clause 2.—At the "*Annual Sessions*," the Subordinates shall have their reports, returns, and sums due, presented, as required by these Articles; new members shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand Officers be elected; and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge be transacted.

Clause 3.—At the "*Quarterly Sessions*," the reports, returns, and dues of Subordinates, as required to be delivered by these Articles, shall be received and acted on;—and any other business transacted which may come before the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4.—At "*Special Sessions*," no business shall be transacted except that for which the Session is called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notice to Lodges; but no business shall be acted on at a Special Session to involve the expenditure of money.

Clause 5.—The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless there be present (and continue in session) *seven* members.

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Second Section.—Working Degrees.

The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree at all times when engaged in any business of the Order, except the installing of the Grand Officers, when, by resolution, it may be opened in the Scarlet Degree, during that ceremony, to admit brothers of that rank in the Order.

Third Section.—Votes.

Clause 1.—All questions before the Grand Lodge, except that of removal from office, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present; unless when the Representations of two Subordinates require the vote to be taken by Representations; in which case it shall be determined by the majority of Representations of Lodges present; provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations in any case.

Clause 2.—When a vote by Representation of Lodges is ordered, each Lodge shall be entitled to *one vote*, and every Lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Session one hundred members, or more, in full membership, shall be entitled to *one additional vote*. A majority of the Representatives present from any Lodge shall declare the vote of said Lodge through one of the Representatives. If the Representatives be divided equally, the Lodge shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The Ayes and Nays shall be recorded when the vote is taken by Representations.

ARTICLE V.

First Section.—Of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 1.—On the written application of *five* brothers of the Order, having attained the scarlet degree at least three months, praying for a Charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same at the Regular Sessions only; and all petitions for new Lodges shall be referred to a special committee of three, who shall consider and report to the Grand Lodge the merits of the application;—and, on the payment of *Thirty Dollars* therefor, such Lodge shall receive its Charter, and the necessary Charges, Lectures and Instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, or the W. D. D. Grand Master of the District in which it may be located, or by a Past Grand specially deputed, whose necessary expenses, if any, shall be borne by the Grand Lodge. *Provided* that no new Charter shall be granted for a Subordinate Lodge in the City of Boston, unless petitioned for by at least thirty members in good standing.

Clause 2.—At the end of each term, all Lodges shall report to the Grand Lodge at the succeeding regular Session, the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—

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suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated and deceased; together with the number of Degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—the amount of receipts—and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 3.—At the Annual Session, each Lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of members, ranked according to Degrees taken: and a statement of the number of brothers who have received benefits or donations, specifying the several amounts so applied—widowed families relieved, and brothers buried—and the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for education of orphans.

Clause 4.—No Lodge shall admit a proposition for, or initiate any person, unless he is twenty-one years of age.

Second Section.—Dues.

Each Subordinate shall pay to the Grand Lodge quarterly, as dues, *fifty cents* on all initiations and deposit of Cards, and *ten cents* on each degree conferred. And it is expressly provided that the Grand Lodge shall not have claim on any sums received as interest on investments, or as funeral or education tax, or special donations; and in case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessments on the Subordinates.

Third Section.—Districts.

The Grand Lodge shall, as occasion may require, arrange the Subordinates into convenient Districts, for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master; and to define the extent over which the W. D. D. Grand Masters exercise their functions.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.

First Section.—Constitution.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at the Annual Session, and unless the same has been proposed in writing and seconded, at a previous Regular Session, in which case it may be passed by the votes of three-fourths of the members present.

Second Section.—By-Laws, &c.

The Grand Lodge may adopt, or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order for the governing thereof, as two-thirds of the members present shall approve, to take effect after the close of the Session, at which they may be adopted: provided, such Laws, or Rules, shall not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles of the Order; and provided, that no amendment shall be adopted unless proposed three months before it is acted upon.

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEETINGS.

Section 1.—The R. W. Grand Lodge will convene at the Quarterly Sessions, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the Session is completed, unless otherwise ordered, specially, by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2.—Within thirty minutes after the time of meeting, the presiding Grand Master shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present: and at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled can organize informally, and adjourn the meeting until the next day at the hour specified in *Section First.*

Section 3.—In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the Chair may be taken, *pro tem.*, by any member of the Grand Lodge, who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

Section 4.—The Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATES.

Section 1.—Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article V. of the Constitution, for *one* year, it shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its Charter forfeited. It shall be the duty of the Subordinates to make out their quarterly returns and deliver them to the Installing Officer previous to the Installation.

Section 2.—The funds, properties, &c., of Subordinate Lodges having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the Order, are not liable to be divided in any manner, among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another that may branch from it; but shall remain for its legitimate purposes the property of the Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

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Section 3.—In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its Charter shall have been forfeited, the Charter, funds, books, properties and effects of all kinds shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of the last Installed Officers of such Lodge, to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds, and other effects, as the Lodge may have claim to.

Section 4.—Members of a defunct Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge. Provided, that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5.—Any Lodge or brother who shall be concerned in organizing, or who shall give countenance and support, or who shall visit any Lodge in the State of Massachusetts, purporting to be Odd Fellows, and not possessing a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and presented, or confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be deemed unworthy of fellowship ;—and such brother, upon satisfactory proof, shall be suspended or expelled at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member. And any brother so suspended or expelled, shall not be reinstated unless the Grand Lodge assents thereto. Nor shall any person who has been in membership in any spurious or illegal Lodge, be received into any regular Lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Section 6.—Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable Seal, (a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary,) and all its official communications shall be sealed therewith.

Section 7.—No Lodge shall have a public procession without the permission of the Grand Lodge, unless to attend the funeral of a brother.

Section 8.—The following shall be the form of a Certificate of a member of the Grand Lodge :—

——— *Lodge, No.* — *I. O. O. F.*

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

This is to certify that Past Grand ——— ———, has been duly elected Representative of this Lodge in your Right Worthy Body, to serve until the Annual Session in August, 18—.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of our Lodge, this ——— day of ———, 18—.

——— ——— N. G.

[SEAL.] ——— ——— V. G.

Attest. *Secretary.*

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Section 9.—Any member of the Order who shall have painted upon his sign any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them on the same, or having them printed or engraved upon his business card, or expose them in *any* public place as a sign, shall, (after the Lodge of which he is a member gives him immediate notice, and if persisted in,) be suspended or expelled agreeable to a vote of the Lodge.

Section 10.—No Lodge-room of any Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be established, and no meetings of any Lodge shall be holden in a tavern or hotel, under penalty of forfeiture of their charter.

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RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum of opening shall be ascertained to be present, the following shall be the Order of Business, viz.:

First.—The Grand Master shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the Officers and members to take their respective stations, and shall then call up the Grand Lodge.

Second.—While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

Third.—Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal, of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Fourth.—The minutes of the last Session read, and if no objection be made to any part thereof, they shall stand approved without vote.

Fifth.—The Committee of Elections and Returns shall report on the eligibility of members.

Sixth.—New members admitted and instructed.

Seventh.—The Committee of Elections and Returns shall report on the returns from the Subordinates; and each of the returns reported as correct, shall be read.

Eighth.—Petitions read and referred.

Ninth.—Communications read.

Tenth.—Financial accounts read and referred.

Eleventh.—Appeals read and referred.

Twelfth.—Reports of Committee of Finance submitted.

Thirteenth.—Reports of Committee of Correspondence submitted.

Fourteenth.—Reports of Committee of Grievance submitted.

Fifteenth.—Reports of Special Committees, by seniority, submitted.

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SIXTEENTH.—Unfinished business acted upon by priority.

SEVENTEENTH.—New business.

The reports of the Committee of Elections and Returns are privileged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of. But the reports of all other Committees, after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.

The order of business, as here arranged, may, at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with, by a special two-third vote of the Grand Lodge.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting the most decorous silence must be observed: the Officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the Chair.

Every Officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask? "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*" Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of Order shall be without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it. And he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus:—"*Will the Grand Lodge stand by the Chair in its decision?*"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be upstanding, and shall respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished, he shall sit down. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and

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indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice, without permission from the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member, shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, *unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to amend;* and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the first three of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may at the same, or next succeeding meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form—"*Shall the main question be now put?*"—if carried, all amendments, not already adopted, shall be precluded, and the main question taken without further debate.

When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by Ayes and Nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

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OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

OF THE

State of Massachusetts.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT.

ALMOST simultaneously with the introduction of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows into this country, by the establishment of Washington Lodge No. 1, in Baltimore, under the supervision of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, a Lodge was established in Boston, by James B. Barnes, with four associates. These were all aliens, who had been initiated into the Order in Great Britain; and were singled out by Bro. Barnes from among the emigrants to this country, after two or three years of constant vigilance and search, to make up the complement of a Lodge. The exact date of the institution of the new Lodge is unknown. For some time no records were kept. It was self-instituted, without charter; and it was not until the 26th day of March, 1820, that it was organized by the choice of officers, the adoption of a name, of laws for its government, and the commencement of a record of its proceedings. The officers elected were:

JAMES B. BARNES,	N. G.
H. D. FREGERE,	V. G.
JACOB MYERS,	Warden.
THOMAS KENNEDY,	Secretary.

and according to the recollection of the older members, James B. Eaton acted as Treasurer.

This Lodge was at the date last named instituted as Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1. Before its regular organization it had for some time held meetings. The Lodges in Baltimore and in Boston were ignorant of each other's existence; and had the latter kept records of its inception, there might have been a question as to the claim of priority in the introduction of the Order into this country. It must be conceded, however, upon all the evidence which can be produced, that Thomas Wildey is the founder and father of American Odd-Fellowship; and the fact that Washington Lodge of Bal-

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timore commenced its organization eleven months earlier than did Massachusetts Lodge, of Boston, affords a strong probability that the former was first in existence. It is not fairly to be presumed that the Lodge in Boston was nearly a full year in its unformed and irregular condition.

These Lodges existed until the year 1822 before the Massachusetts brethren, at least, were aware that any other Lodge than their own had been formed in the United States.

On the 11th March, 1823, Siloam Lodge No. 2 was instituted. The following brothers withdrew from Massachusetts Lodge for the purpose of forming this Lodge, viz.: Daniel Hersey, James B. Barnes, Charles Mountfort, Edmund Badger, Samuel L. Knapp, John Minot, James Frost, Abel Wheelock, Henry Fowle, John C. Bradley, William C. Jenkins and John Campbell. The following were elected and installed as officers:

DANIEL HERSEY,	N. G.
JAMES B. BARNES,	V. G.
EDMUND BADGER,	Secretary.
CHARLES MOUNTFORT,	Treasurer.

At this period, the Order in Maryland was under the jurisdiction of a body entitled the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States. This body was composed of the Past Grands of Baltimore, and had been established on February 7th, 1821; at this date Washington Lodge, No. 1, which had until then worked under a charter from the Duke of York's Lodge, in England, surrendered its old charter, and recognized the new Grand Lodge as the supreme body, by accepting from it a dispensation. This Grand Lodge held at Baltimore regular Quarterly Meetings, and certain Special Meetings which were termed "Meetings of the Grand Committee." These bodies were identical, but the business transacted by the Committee was not authentic until approved by the Grand Lodge.

At the meeting of the Grand Committee held on the 13th April, 1823, the following communication was received from Massachusetts:

Boston, March 28, 1823.

To the Most Noble Grand, Officers and Brothers of the Washington Lodge, Baltimore.

"Your favor, through the hands of brother Wilson, was duly received by the Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1. The kind and affectionate manner you received our worthy brother Wilson, merits our warmest acknowledgments, and rest assured, such praiseworthy conduct will meet with a reciprocation

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from us, as we are convinced it will tend more closely to cement the bonds of Odd Fellowship. From brother Wilson's statement, we are satisfied your lodge is legally the Grand Lodge of the United States; we do hereby acknowledge you as such, and beg you to grant us a charter as the Grand Lodge of this State, under the title of the Massachusetts Lodge of I. O. F., No. 1, giving us power to grant charters to such Lodges as may from time to time arise in this State, but at all times to acknowledge your Lodge as the Grand Lodge of the United States. We feel more anxious on this point, as we have just granted a few of our worthy brothers leave to withdraw from us and form a new Lodge, with no other intention but to benefit the Order, by spreading it more extensively. We are without the lectures and degrees, and we wish you to state the manner of application and method of receiving them here. We shall at all times be proud of any communication from you, and sincerely hope there will be a free correspondence kept up between the two Lodges. All expenses incurred in sending on these degrees, etc., will be paid by us. Yours, with respect,

(Signed) PHILEMON STACY, *Secretary.*

"Approved: Wm. Bishop, M. N. G.

"P. S. You will please send the lectures and degrees on as soon as possible."

The following action on this application was then had by the Grand Committee:

"An application was received from Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, at Boston, for a Charter with Grand Lodge powers; when, on motion, it was unanimonsly

"*Resolved*, That a Charter be granted to Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1.

"*Resolved*, That a Dispensation for a Grand Lodge to grant Charters to other Lodges in the State of Massachusetts, be given, free of expense, to the P. G's. of those Lodges, and to be located at Boston."

"*Resolved*, That our M. W. Grand Master, [Thomas Wildey,] be deputed to convey the Charter to Boston."

At the Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, holden May 18th, 1823, the following action was had:

"The Charter for Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, was signed by the Grand Officers and members, and *ordered* to be sealed and coloured."

"A Grand Committee was called to meet on Wednesday evening next, at half-past Eight o'clock, to finish a Charter for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

And at a meeting of the Grand Committee, held May 25th, 1823, "The Members present signed the Charter for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

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Bro. Wildey at once proceeded to Boston, to carry into effect the directions of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, in regard to the installing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. With the installation of the Grand Lodge, the records commence, and they appear to have been kept regularly, but not fully and completely, until the dissolution of the Grand Lodge in 1832. The Records which follow are closely copied from the manuscript, without any alteration in form or phraseology. The history of the Grand Lodge having been carried in the preliminary statement to the commencement of the Records, it is now left to these for its further disclosure.

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

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OF THE

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

JUNE 9TH, 1823.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts was opened and duly organized by Thomas Wildey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States. The following Brothers formed the Grand Lodge: Daniel Hersey, Henry Solomon, William Bishop, James B. Barnes, John Snowdon, James Eaton, and James Encill.

June 11th, 1823.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts were installed into office by G. M. Wildey; they were as follows:

D. HERSEY,	Grand Master.
H. SOLOMON,	Deputy Grand Master.
WM. BISHOP,	Grand Secretary.
JAMES B. BARNES,	Grand Warden.
JOHN SNOWDON,	Grand Guardian.
JAMES EATON,	Grand Conductor.

July 20th, 1823.

The Grand Lodge, in company with the Subordinate Lodges of this city, met for the purpose of attending the funeral of Br. P. G. Encill.

The Lodges, having accompanied him to the place of interment, performed the funeral obsequies according to the rules of the Order, by the G. M. of the State.

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August 29th, 1823.

Received a communication from the Grand Lodge of the United States in answer to one from the Grand Lodge of this State, setting forth their views of the animadversions of the Grand Lodge of State of Massachusetts with respect to their conduct to Mr. J. Batson, of Boston.

November 6th, 1823.

A letter was received from Br. Jacob Myers, containing sundry charges against Br. G. A. Gamage, the N. G. of the Massachusetts Lodge.

On account of some of the aforesaid charges not being brought in proper form according to the rules of the Order, Br. Myers was requested to furnished a fresh copy, which he neglecting to do, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

December 2d, 1823.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

Voted, Unanimously, That the Siloam Lodge be granted a charter as prayed for according to their petition.

Voted, Unanimously, That Br. Watts be admitted a member of the Grand Lodge.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was read respecting Br. Simester. This letter contained certain charges against Br. Simester.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock.

December 9th, 1823.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Br. Watts was admitted and became a member of the Grand Lodge.

Br. Simester attended, and the charges being read to him as they were sent from the Lodge he belonged to in New York, he stated he was willing to send to the Lodge he was member of and settle his account with them.

January 7th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Grand Lodge opened in the first degree for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Br. Campbell was appointed Outside Guardian, and Br. E. Badger Conductor *pro. tem.*

The first degree conferred on Br. Lancy, V. G. elect of the Massachusetts Lodge, and Br. Dunbar of the Siloam Lodge.

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The second and third degrees were conferred on Br. J. Phelps, M. N. G. elect of the Massachusetts Lodge, and Brs. Lancy and Dunbar.

March 8th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from Baltimore, stating the manner they keep their anniversary, also the appointment of Grand Secretary Fennell as Proxy for the State of Massachusetts. It proceeded to inform us of the address of the G. M. of the United States, and of the committee appointed to correspond with England, and lastly of the very handsome acceptation of the office of Proxy of this State, and his willingness to perform that duty, by Br. Grand Secretary Maurice Fennell.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

May 14th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from Baltimore, directed to the G. M. of this State, written by the G. M. of the United States, stating the reason for the delay in not sending the documents sooner of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Also, stating the necessity of a chest to keep the books, papers and money of the Lodge, and the chest to have three keys. This advice was given on account of Br. P. G. Gamage detaining the books of lectures and degrees after passing the chair. And also, informing us that it is the rule to elect a N. G., V. G. and Secretary to hold their office thirteen nights, and after the N. G. has faithfully served his time, he has to sit as the P. G. of the Lodge, and the privilege of one hour after the Lodge is opened.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

August 23d, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the Massachusetts and Siloam Lodges that they appoint their respective N. G.'s. V. G.'s and Secretary's to meet as a Committee to settle the business of the lease of the Lodge, and their decision shall be final.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge do approve of the conduct of the Grand Master as it respects the lease of the Lodge.

Voted, That the M. N. G. of the Massachusetts Lodge be directed to appear before the Grand Lodge to answer to charges preferred against him.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

September 5th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the United States expressing disappointment at not receiving an answer to a package

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containing a circular and other communications; and, also, informing the Grand Lodge of this State of the death of Br. Grand Secretary Jno. P. Entwisle, who died suddenly on the 1st of July.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

September 19th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, certifying their approbation and respect for Br. James Simester, and at his request, recommend him to the brotherly care of the Grand Lodge of this State.—*Accepted.*

Grand Lodge adjourned.

October 20th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Br. R. Watts was appointed G. C. *pro. tem.*

Brs. P. G. Edmund Badger and P. G. James Simester were admitted members of the Grand Lodge of this State.

A letter was read from Br. Watts laying a charge against the Siloam Lodge for refusing his certificate.

A letter was read from Br. Joseph Lopez, laying a charge against the Siloam Lodge for refusing his certificate.

Voted, That the roll of the Grand Lodge be called every night at 8 o'clock, absent members to be fined fifty cents.

Grand Lodge adjourned to Thursday week.

October 27th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Voted, That the Siloam Lodge be directed to attend by committee or otherwise to answer to the charges of Brs. Watts and Lopez, members of said Lodge, before the Grand Lodge on Thursday evening next.

Voted, That Br. Lopez of the Siloam Lodge be notified to attend the Grand Lodge to substantiate his charge against the Siloam Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

November 4th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

The Siloam Lodge, attended by committee for the purpose of answering to the charges of Brs. Watts and Lopez.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to introduce the Siloam Lodge.

Voted, The Siloam Lodge do communicate by their chairman only.

Voted, The committee for introducing the Siloam Lodge be Brs. Barnes and Badger, and to inform the committee of the Siloam Lodge of the mode to be adopted relative to their examination.

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The case was opened by the Grand Master setting forth the charge of Br. Watts. The N. G. of the Siloam Lodge answered by explaining the reasons for not granting the certificate. After some reply on the part of Br. Watts, an explanation took place, and the business was adjusted by Br. Watts withdrawing his charge, which was returned to the Siloam Lodge, and he, Br. Watts, to be considered a member of the Siloam Lodge.

Br. Barnes made a similar application, which was also accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge do meet on the first Thursday in every month.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

November 11th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to prepare an address to the two Subordinate Lodges, accompanied with the general rules of the Order.

Committee chosen for that purpose, Brs. Badger, Watts and Bishop.

Grand Lodge adjourned to 1st Thursday in December.

November 23d, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Siloam Lodge, laying certain charges against the members of the Massachusetts Lodge, and also requesting the G. M. of the State to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge to investigate the same. The letter not being properly sanctioned, it was considered not proper to act on it at present, but when they should be presented in form, stating the nature of the charges and sent with proper authority, that the Massachusetts Lodge should be immediately furnished with a copy of them.

Grand Lodge adjourned to December 9th.

December 9th, 1824.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter containing the charges of the Siloam Lodge against the Massachusetts Lodge was read; and after duly considering the subject of the charges, which was that of stripping the hall of its furniture and regalia in the absence of the Siloam Lodge, in violation of the contract of the two Lodges, it was considered the most prudent to recommend the case to reference of disinterested persons, and to abide by their decision; and the chairman of the two Committees were introduced and informed of the opinion of the Grand Lodge.

An application had been made for the admission of Br. J. Phelps to become a member of the Grand Lodge, but owing to some particulars relative to the date of the recommendation, it was

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Voted, That Br. J. Phelps's admission to become a member of the Grand Lodge be postponed.

Grand Lodge adjourned to 1st Thursday in January, 1825.

January 6th, 1825.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the United States expressing disappointment at not receiving an answer and advice of the receipt of a packet which was sent containing a circular and other documents, and also a copy of the Constitution of the United States Grand Lodge; and giving us information that Grand Master Thomas Wildey is a candidate for the office of Grand Master of the United States, and that the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at Baltimore has allowed the privilege to the Grand Lodge of this State of nominating for that office for this time only, but not to be taken as a precedent. Also, giving instructions that all letters be directed to Maurice Fennell, care of Thos. Wildey, corner of Jones and Bridge Street, "O. F.," [Baltimore.]

Two other letters were also read from the G. M. of the State of Maryland, nearly amounting to the one received from the Grand Lodge of that State.

Voted, There be an answer returned as soon as possible to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

A letter was read from Br. E. Whitney, Chairman of Committee of the Siloam Lodge, stating that under existing circumstances it was impossible to come to any decision with the Massachusetts Lodge, and requesting the Grand Lodge to call a special meeting and press the subject for a final settlement.

The members of the Committees from the Massachusetts and Siloam Lodges met, but could not come to any agreement this evening.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

February 3d, 1825.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Voted, The Secretary be directed to write the Grand Lodge of the United States of their approval of the Constitution.

Voted, The subject of the Massachusetts and Siloam Lodges do stand over until further information from the Siloam Lodge.

A letter was received from the Siloam Lodge recommending Br. E. Whitney to become a member of the Grand Lodge.

Voted, The letter of recommendation of Br. E. Whitney from the Siloam Lodge be returned for the purpose of having the proper signatures.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

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February 10*th*, 1825.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Voted, That Br. Barnes be excused from his fine last Lodge night.

On account of not being provided with the proper documents for the business of the evening,

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

February 17*th*, 1825.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

A letter was received from the Siloam Lodge stating the difference that had existed between them and the Massachusetts Lodge has been settled to their satisfaction.

Voted, That the charges against the Massachusetts Lodge be returned to the Siloam Lodge.

Voted, The letter of recommendation of Br. E. Whitney to become a member of the Grand Lodge be accepted.

Copy of the letter received from the Siloam Lodge relative to their settlement with the Massachusetts Lodge :

Boston, Feb. 17*th*, 1825.

G. M. HERSEY,

Sir,—I am directed by the Siloam Lodge of Odd Fellows to inform you that the letter of apology received from the Massachusetts Lodge as respects their former misconduct has been unanimously considered and accepted by a vote of the Lodge, and now remains for you to act upon.

Your obedient and humble servant,

J. S. SLADE, *Secretary*.

Approved : A. HALL, N. G.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

March 3*d*, 1825.

Grand Lodge opened in form.

It should be stated that a polite invitation from the Siloam Lodge was given to the Grand Lodge of this State to attend at their third anniversary, the members of the Grand Lodge to be presented with two extra tickets.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge of the United States, wishing for instructions from the Grand Lodge of this State to its Proxy in Baltimore, that he may know how to act.

A Committee was appointed to draw up an answer to it, composed of the following members :—Brs. E. Badger and Secretary.

Voted, That Br. Eaton be excused from all fines on account of living so great a distance from the Lodge, and owing to his lameness and misfortunes.

Voted, A Committee be appointed to consist of two to procure a seal for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Committee, Brs. Badger and Secretary.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

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The Grand Treasurer had in his hands, November 6, 1845,	$2849 36	
Since that time to Feb. 4th, 1846, he has received from the Grand Secretary,	1175 00	
From other sources,	35 00	
		$4059 36
He has paid for contingent expenses, for which he has produced vouchers,		567 30
Leaving in his hands, Feb. 5th, 1846,		$3492 06

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. E. PARMENTER, } *Finance Committee.*
GEO: ALEX. SMITH, }

The Grand Secretary submitted his Quarterly Report, which was accepted, and ordered on file.

The Grand Secretary had on hand, Nov. 5th, 1845,		$76 66
He has received, from Nov. 5th, 1845, to Feb. 5th, 1846,		
For charters,	$420 00	
From Thos. Barr, on account of Good Samaratan Lodge,	45 00	
For quarterly dues and sale of cards,	981 99	
		1446 99
		$1523 65
He has paid, viz:—		
To the Grand Treasurer,	$1175 00	
Salary for the quarter ending Nov. 5th, 1845,	125 00	
Salary for the quarter ending Feb. 4th, 1846,	125 00	
Other bills pertaining to his office,	46 11	
Expenses of instituting Lodges,	15 67	
Balance on hand,	36 87	
		$1523 65

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. JONES,—*Grand Secretary.*

Boston, February 4th, 1846.

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, the details of which corresponded with the report of the Finance Committee.

On motion of Brother Hilliard, it was

Voted, That the Grand Officers be authorized to invest, on interest, such portion of the funds of this Grand Lodge as they may deem expedient.

Voted, To refer all bills against this Grand Lodge to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication relating to Douglass Lodge, report as follows:—

That in their opinion it would be advisable to send a Committee of one to Douglass to inquire into the cause of their delay; and that said Committee inform the Brothers of Douglass of his proposed visit to them, and request the Brothers to hold a meeting at that time, that he may advise and consult with them in regard to their proposed Lodge, and report the result of his investigation to the Board of Grand Officers as soon as practicable.

Attest, B. H. DAVIS,
WM. TOZER,
HARGRAVES LORD.

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The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and Brother B. H. Davis was appointed the Committee.

Voted, To admit and instruct the Representatives in waiting, whose certificates are correct.

The certificates of

P. G. Newhall, Bay State Lodge, No. 40,
P. G. Woodbridge, Harmony Lodge, No. 68,
P. G. Hutchins, Harmony Lodge, No. 68,

were reported incorrect by the Committee of Elections and Returns.

On motion, *Voted*, That they also be admitted and corrected; whereupon the new members in waiting were introduced and duly qualified to take their seats in this Grand Lodge, as Representatives from their respective Lodges.

[*For List of Representatives see end of Session.*]

Bill received from Hockomocko Lodge, read, and referred to the Committee of Finance.

Moved by Brother Mullin that the appeal of the members of Oriental Lodge be referred to a special Committee of five, with power to send for persons and papers. Moved by Bro. Tukey to amend the motion by adding, "and that both parties may have leave to challenge," which motion prevailed, and the motion, as amended, was adopted.

The Chair appointed Bros. W. T. Davis, Samuel Wells, Cushman, Emery, and B. H. Davis.

The report of the Committee on Degree Lodges was taken from the table for action thereon. Moved to accept the report. Several amendments were proposed. Moved to indefinitely postpone the subject, which motion was lost.

Voted, To commit it to a new Committee of five.

The Chair appointed Bros. Drew, Chapin, Culbertson, Usher, and C. Rand.

The Committee on that part of the Grand Master's communication relating to cards, &c., submitted the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the admission of visiting brothers on the Q. P. W., would embody their report in the following recommendation.

That the Secretary of each Lodge furnish the members of the Lodge, at the expiration of every quarter, upon the payment of their dues, with a card, which shall answer the double purpose of a receipt and a visiting card. That the N. G. shall require the presentation of said card before he gives the password of the ensuing quarter. That the said card shall be signed by the N.

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G. and Secretary, with the signature of the individual on the margin, and seal of Lodge attached; and that no Lodge shall admit a visiting brother, except upon the presentation of such card.

The Committee would also recommend that the board of Grand Officers adopt a form for a card, to be used by the Lodges.

ANSON HUNTINGTON,
CALEB RAND,
A. F. STONE.

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn at half-past 5, to meet at Encampment Hall at 7 P. M.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as refers to the appointment of officers in Subordinate Lodges, would respectfully beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That no Brother can be an officer of a Subordinate Lodge, who is not a member of the same Lodge.

Respectfully submitted. H. PRINCE.

Voted, To accept the report, and adopt the resolution.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of instituting and installing the Officers of Subordinate Lodges, would respectfully ask leave to report—

That the Board of Grand Officers should have the whole matter of instituting new Lodges under their exclusive and entire control, they deciding upon the number of Grand Officers necessary to institute Lodges, and the Grand Lodge paying all necessary expenses for the same.

They would also recommend that the necessary expenses of the D. D. G. Masters, and one assistant, be paid by this Grand Lodge, for installing the Officers of Subordinate Lodges in which there are no past Grands; and if any additional assistance be required by the D. D. G. M., the expense of such assistance shall be paid by the Lodge installed, on the night of their installation, and they would also reecommend that all former votes passed by this Grand Lodge inconsistant with the above recommendation be repealed.

WM. ELLISON,
JOS. CUSHMAN,
J. C. WALDO.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the recommendation.

The Committee upon the Communication of Howard Lodge submitted the following Report and recommendations, which were accepted, and recommendations adopted.

Boston, February 5, 1845.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Howard Lodge, would respectfully report, that they have attended to their duty and would recommend that in future but two copies of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be sent to each Lodge, and to be retained in the Lodge room for the use of the members generally. And your Committee would further most respectfully recommend that the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be not published in any of the Periodicals of the day, excepting by permission of the Board of Grand Officers.

Your Committee would further recommend that each member of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one copy of its Proceedings, to be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the several Lodges to which they may be attached;

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and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to have as many additional copies printed as the Board of Grand Officers may deem expedient.

CHARLES H. WHITE.
TRUMBULL BULL.
SUMNER F. BARRETT.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication relating to an act of incorporation, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted, and that part relating to the N. W. of the Order, was recommitted.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and the Revised Work of the Order, having duly considered the subjects referred to them, ask leave to report.

In reference to the first subject—That the Elective Grand Officers having been appointed at the last session a Committee to take all proper measures to obtain an act of incorporation—your Committee deem the appointment of a new Committee inexpedient; and recommend that the whole subject remain in the hands of the Grand Officers, with full power to adopt such measures relative to the proposed object as they may think proper.

WM. HILLIARD.
WM. E. PARMENTER.
JOHN HOYT.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication relating to Degrees submitted the following:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the conferring of degrees, ask leave to offer the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That it is impossible to define the duties of the Union Degree or any other such Lodge, because the Grand Lodge do not acknowledge them as Lodges.

Resolved, That several Lodges may join together to confer the degrees, provided they do not violate the rules of the Order, and should they do so, the several Lodges are answerable to this Grand Lodge.

J. L. DREW.
E. H. CHAPIN.
C. RAND.
J. M. USHER.
N. Y. CULBERTSON.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the Resolutions.

On motion it was

Voted, That the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws be considered at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

The appeal of Br. D. W. Belyea, a suspended member of Howard Lodge, was read, and on motion it was

Voted, To refer it to a Committee of five, with power to send for persons and papers.

The Chair appointed the following Committee: Brs. Pollard, John Low, of Chelsea, Follansbee, Waldo and Hill.

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Petition presented from brothers in Wrentham for a Charter for a Lodge to be located in that town. Referred to a Committee of three, viz : Brs. Storer, Lovell and Hayden.

Moved by Br. White, that the Outside Guardian of any Lodge under this jurisdiction may employ a brother of another Lodge to assist him in the discharge of his duties.

On motion of Br. Ayers, it was

Voted, To indefinitely postpone the subject.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of brothers in Wrentham, for a Lodge to be located in that town, reported as follows :

Your Committee would respectfully recommend, that the brothers petitioning for a charter for a Lodge in Wrentham, have their prayer granted when they shall have withdrawn their cards from the Lodge of which they are at present members, and transmitted the same to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge with the necessary requisites.

D. H. STORER,
S. LOVELL,
C. C. HAYDEN.

On motion,

Voted, To grant the charter.

Moved to reconsider the vote whereby the report of the Committee on that part of the Grand Master's communication relating to Degree Lodges was adopted.

Voted, To lay the subject on the table until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of Br. D. W. Belyea, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of D. W. Belyea, of Howard Lodge, ask leave to report, that, as the Brother has only been suspended, and has not appealed to his Lodge, they recommend that this Grand Lodge do not entertain an appeal in the premises.

For the Committee,
ABNER W. POLLARD.

Boston, February 5th, 1846.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's report which relates to the republication of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body to August, 1845, beg leave to report—

That they consider it expedient to revise the same, and leave out such portions as are of no interest to the Order, the remainder to be printed in pamphlet form, of the size recommended, subject to the approbation of the Board of Grand Officers ; and that the same be published, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, or by private enterprize as may be deemed expedient by the Board of Grand Officers.

Respectfully submitted.
ALFRED MUDGE,
GEO. H. DAVIES,
SAMUEL WELLS.

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

At half past 5, P. M., the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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ENCAMPMENT HALL, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order.

The M. W. Grand Master reported—

That the instructions given to the Grand Officers by a resolution adopted at the November session had been complied with, and that all the property of defunct Lodges that could be found was a record book of Adam Lodge, in the possession of Br. Guild, who has surrendered it to the Grand Secretary, and it is now in his possession; and that the only demand that could be found against any one, on account of indebtedness to either of the defunct Lodges, was one against Br. Thomas Barr, who has settled it by the payment of forty-five dollars.

On motion of Br. Ayers, it was

Voted, That the settlement made by the Grand Officers with Br. Barr be ratified by this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed at the November session to submit to the Grand Lodge some rule to be adopted in relation to the time it shall be necessary for a N. G. to serve in office in a subordinate Lodge in order to make himself eligible to a seat in this Grand Lodge, reported that the Grand Lodge of the United States had settled the question by a resolution, adopted at the Annual Session, September, 1845.—[*For Report, see page* 190, *Journal of Proceedings, G. L. U. S.*]

Br. Seaver, from the Committee on the appeal of Br. Daniel L. Richardson, of Oberlin Lodge, No. 23, reported—

That no action had been taken thereon, on account of informality in the appeal.

Voted, To accept the report, and return the appeal, with the reason assigned.

The following motion, offered by Br. Dike, at the November session, was taken up for action, viz:—

"Moved by Br. Dike, that the alteration of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, in regard to the representation of Subordinate Lodges, passed at the last session of this Lodge, be reconsidered."

A motion was made to lay it on the table, which was withdrawn.

The previous question was called for and sustained.

A vote by representation was called for.

Previous to voting, a motion was made that every Subordinate Lodge not represented at the last Annual Session of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one vote, which was adopted.

The vote on the main question was then taken by representation, and reported as follows: Yeas 42, Nays 42.

The Lodges voting in the affirmative were—

Massachusetts, Siloam, New England, Bethel, Bunker Hill, Middlesex, Warren, Howard, Franklin, Boston, Columbian, Montezuma, Souhegan, Pacifick, Quinsigamond, Tisquantum, Macedonian, Agawam, Harvard, North Stoughton, Pilgrim, Olive Branch, Weweantit, Mutual Relief, Excelsior, Mount Auburn.

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The Lodges voting in the negative were—

Merrimack, Suffolk, Mechanics', Nazarene, Tremont, Covenant, Essex, Hampden, Oberlin, Lafayette, Shawmut, Framingham, Norfolk, Veritas, Mystic, Atlantic, Berkshire, Takewambait, Nonotuck, St. John's, Shawsheene, Massasoit, Quinobequin, Woronoco, Unity, Hockomocko, Marine.

P. G. M. Norris notified the Grand Lodge that he should move a reconsideration of the vote at the next meeting.

The following motion offered by Br. Tozer at the November session, 1845, was taken up for action, viz :

"That the new Section, Article 5th, of the Constitution of Subordinates, passed at the last session to go into operation on the 1st of January next, making the Initiation fee not less than ten dollars, and the price of Degrees not less than two dollars, be rescinded."

It was decided by the M. W. G. Master that it would be unconstitutional to take any action thereon, it being a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates and could only be acted upon at the annual session.

A petition was then presented from brothers in E. Bridgewater praying for a charter for a Lodge to be located in that town to be known and hailed by the title of Sachem Lodge, No. ——

On motion, the petition was referred to a Committee of three.

The Chair appointed Brs. Forbes, Tukey, and Watkins, who submitted the following Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Brs. in East Bridgewater, would report, that the interests of the Order do not require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

DARIUS FORBES.
FRANCIS TUKEY.
ANDREW WATKINS.

Voted, To lay the Report on the table.

The following Resolution was offered by Br. Tozer and adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter no Representative shall be admitted into this Grand Lodge without presenting a regular certificate in due form.

P. G. Master Norris offered the following motion, which was laid on the table.

Ordered, By this Grand Lodge that no Subordinate or Union Degree Lodge shall under any circumstances be allowed to charge a brother any thing for the degrees beyond what was charged by his own Lodge on receiving the certificate of his election to receive his degrees.

At 9½ o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Covenant Hall to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COVENANT HALL, *Friday, Feb. 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

Grand Lodge opened in form.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brothers of Oriental Lodge, submitted the following Report.

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The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Ambrose, P. V. G. Gardner and Br. G. D. S. Dalrymple have attended to their duty, and beg leave to report:

That it appears to this Committee that the Committee of Oriental Lodge who tried the brothers above named were nominated by the N. G. of said Lodge, contrary to the provision on page 5 of Penalties and Trials. They therefore recommend that a new trial be ordered to be conducted by a Committee of the Grand Lodge on the ground of informality.

It also appears that at the time of the trial, there existed in Oriental Lodge an unusual degree of excitement, which in the opinion of your Committee *may* have prevented the exercise of that degree of fairness in conducting the same to which every brother of the Order is entitled when upon trial. And while your Committee do not hesitate to ascribe perfect purity of intention to the brothers who composed that committee of trial, yet they are of opinion, that from the peculiarly exciting causes existing in the Lodge, they may have been liable to insensible bias.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a special Committee of this Grand Lodge be appointed to examine and try the merits of the case.

WENDELL T. DAVIS.
SAMUEL WELLS.
B. H. DAVIS.
GEO. EMERY.
JOSEPH CUSHMAN.

Boston, Feb. 5, 1846.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved to adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

Br. Hilliard offered the following amendment.

Provided, however, that the decision of Oriental Lodge shall stand unreversed, and no further action shall be had in the premises, unless and until Br. Dalrymple shall solemnly pledge his honor not to publish or to be instrumental in publishing the proceedings of Oriental Lodge or any other proceedings or parts of the same relative to the charges against and trials of the accused brothers, whatever may be the final result of the new trial.

The previous question was called for and sustained.

The main question was then put, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

Moved, by Br. Tukey, That the Chair appoint the Committee, subject to challenge, who shall report to this Grand Lodge.

The motion was withdrawn.

Moved, by Br. Hilliard, That the same Committee try the case.

The motion was lost.

Br. Tukey renewed his motion, which was amended by Br. Hilliard, to strike out "who shall report to this Grand Lodge," and insert "and their decision shall be final." The amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended was adopted.

On motion it was

Voted, That the Committee be appointed by the counsel for the parties interested.

Brs. Parmenter and Hilliard, counsel for the parties, appointed the following Committee, which was approved of by the Grand Lodge:

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Brs. Beard, of Veritas Lodge, Kimball of Essex Lodge, Usher of Bay State Lodge, Taylor of Accushnet Lodge, Leach of Warren Lodge.

Br. Mudge, from the Committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and presented the same as revised.

Voted, To accept the report.

Voted, That the Constitution as revised, be now taken up for action by Articles and Sections.

Voted, To suspend action thereon, for the purpose of hearing and considering the report of the Committee on the petition from East Bridgewater.

The Committee submitted the following report :—

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Rev. Br. Eldridge and others, for a new Lodge to be located in the town of East Bridgewater, would beg leave to report :—That in their judgment the interests of the Order require the establishment of a Lodge in that town.

FRANCIS TUKEY.
ANDREW WATKINS.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report of the Committee be indefinitely postponed.

P. G. Dudley of Blue Hill Lodge, presented his certificate for membership, and having been instructed in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees in the ante-room by the M. W. G. Master, was admitted and took his seat as Representative from that Lodge.

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master have authority to arrange the Districts of the State.

The Constitution and By-Laws were again taken up, and a part thereof acted upon.

The time for adjournment having arrived, at half-past 12 the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Friday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order.

The Grand Secretary explained the intention of his motion upon the indefinite postponement of the report of the Committee on the petition from East Bridgewater, and moved that the vote whereby the subject was indefinitely postponed, be *expunged* from the Records. The Chair decided that the subject could not be brought before the Lodge. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, and the Chair was sustained.

On motion of Br. Lord, it was

Voted, That the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, To send a Circular to the Subordinate Lodges. * * * *

Br. Locke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter each Subordinate Lodge in this State be required to keep a book for the registry of the names of all brothers visiting by card from other States, that the examining Committee may compare the record with the name upon the margin of their cards.

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Moved that the subject of amending the Constitution and By-Laws be laid upon the table for the purpose of hearing the report of a Committee on the M. W. G. Master's communication.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone the subject.

The Constitution and By-Laws were again taken up, and, after having been examined and amended by sections, were adopted for the government of this Grand Lodge, and are as follows:

[*For Constitution and By-Laws see page* 29.]

Voted, That the Board of Grand Officers be authorized to have printed as many copies of the Proceedings of this Session as they may think proper.

Br. A. M. White, of Hampden Lodge, presented a statement in relation to the expulsion of Br. Burbank from Hampden Lodge, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That Hampden Lodge, No. 27, be permitted to reinstate Br. J. P. T. Burbank to his former standing in the Order.

On motion of Br. Jones the resolution was adopted.

Grand Lodge adjourned at half-past 6 o'clock, P. M., to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COVENANT HALL, *Feb.* 7, *Saturday*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Grand Lodge opened in form.

Prayer by the D. G. Master.

The following motion, offered by Br. Burgess, was indefinitely postponed; viz:

Moved, That rescinding a vote, whereby a brother was suspended, reinstates him to all the rights and privileges he would have been entitled to, in case he had not been suspended.

Br. Beard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no Subordinate Lodge has a right to rescind a vote whereby they have suspended a Brother.

On motion, it was

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The Committee appointed on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication relating to appeals, &c., submitted the following:

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. Feb. 6, 1846.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the communication of the M. W. G. Master as relates to appeals of Brothers from the judgment of Subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, have considered the subject, and respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That in case any Brother shall appeal from the decision of his Lodge, the payment of any benefit to which he may be entitled during the pendency of his said appeal, shall be suspended; and if his appeal shall, by this Grand Lodge, be deemed frivolous or groundless, the appellant shall forfeit all benefits which may accrue while the appeal is pending.

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Resolved, 2d. That in all cases of frivolous appeal, where the judgment of the Subordinate Lodge has been other than expulsion, this Grand Lodge may impose an additional penalty, at their discretion.

By order of the Committee, JOHN S. LADD.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Resolution 1st, was amended by adding after the word "pending" "and during the pending of the appeal the brother shall be deprived of the right of visiting any Lodge." The Amendment prevailed and Resolution No. 1, as amended was adopted.

Resolution 2d was adopted.

Br. Tukey offered a Resolution which the G. Secretary cannot find among his minutes, which was adopted and afterwards reconsidered and withdrawn.

A motion was made by Br. Mullin and carried, that the following on page 9 of "Penalties and Trials" be *expunged*, viz: "According to the decision of the Grand Officers, an appeal suspends for the time being all proceedings in the case, and the person making it stands in full possession of the rights and privileges of the Order until his case is finally adjudged. This decision is evidently a correct one, as it shows the necessity of legislation to prevent frivolous and groundless appeals."

Br. Hilliard submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, in the case of the appeal of members of Oriental Lodge, No. 10:—

Resolved, That should any vacancy occur in the Committee of Trial—such vacancy be filled by agreement of the parties, or if they cannot agree, by the M. W. G. Master.

Br. Tukey presented the following Appeal:

To the G. L. of I. O. O. F.

Whereas Friendship Lodge, No. 20, has decided that I am not entitled to benefits due me while a member of said Lodge,—I therefore appeal to your honorable body, and request that the Grand Lodge appoint a Committee of three, to hear the case and report the facts to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

FRANCIS TUKEY.

Voted, That a Committee of Enquiry be appointed.

The Chair appointed Brs. Beard, Mullin and Stuart, who submitted the following Report:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed to consider the complaint of Past Grand Francis Tukey, against Friendship Lodge, No. 20, that said Lodge have refused to pay him certain benefits which he claims as his due, and report what ought to be done in the premises, beg leave to report that a Committee of five ought to be appointed, whose duty it shall be to notify both Friendship Lodge and Past Grand Tukey, and hear the parties and report to the next meeting of the Grand

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Lodge whether any benefits are or are not unjustly withheld from said Past Grand Tukey by said Lodge, and if any, how much.

ITHAMAR W. BEARD.
JOHN R. MULLIN.
ARTHUR STUART.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the recommendation.

Voted, That the Committee be appointed by the Chair subject to the challenge of either party interested, and that they have the power to fill vacancies.

Brs. H. Prince, Frost, Hayden, C. H. White, Siders and A. P. Richardson, were appointed.

Br. Hilliard offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That all the Lodges under this jurisdiction be required forthwith to transmit to the M. W. Grand Master a copy of their By-Laws, and also such amendments as may be made from time to time, in order to enable the G. M. by and with the advice of the elective Grand Officers to determine whether any of such By-Laws conflict with the Constitution. And that the G. M. have authority to require such By-Laws as are contrary to the Constitution to be expunged ; and that all new Lodges before printing their By-Laws shall transmit a proof copy thereof, together with an impression of their seal to the Grand Master.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge in the State.

The following communication was read, and on motion, it was

Voted, to refer the first resolution to a Committee of three, and that the other resolutions together with the communication, he placed on file :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts.

The following Resolutions were reported and adopted by Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O F., at their regular session, January 26th, 1846.

Whereas, the publication of the business of Odd Fellowship and particularly of the doings of the Grand Lodge at their various sessions, has become a subject of general remark, therefore,

Resolved, That one of the fundamental principles of our Order is secresy, and having pledged ourselves to maintain that principle, we deem public lectures and public installations, subjects which should require your immediate attention, as claiming to be an *Independent Order*, we do not consider ourselves bound to inform the *world* of any of our transactions. Also,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of this Lodge, the publication by newspapers and periodicals, of the *business* of Odd Fellowship is injudicious and injurious to the well being of the Order, and should be immediately suppressed. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Representatives of Bunker Hill Lodge be instructed to exert their influence in carrying into effect the spirit of the foregoing Resolutions, and endeavor to restrain the publication of the doings of the Grand Lodge for general distribution in Subordinate Lodges, so that hereafter one copy only shall be forwarded to each Lodge.

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Grand Lodge by the Secretary.

Attest : J. H. CLAPP, *Secretary.*

Respectfully submitted, by SAMUEL WOODBRIDGE.
JOS. BURRELL.
ISAAC KENDALL.
JAMES A. BUGBEE.
BENEDICT ANTHONE.

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Brs. Stuart, Frost and Pearson were appointed.

Br. Ayres presented the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, by a vote of this Grand Lodge, permission has been given to Subordinate Lodges to initiate and confer the degrees on one clergyman each year free of expense, and whereas this Grand Lodge has by its subsequent decision, declared, that "chaplains of Subordinate Lodges, are appointed officers within the meaning of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and as such eligible to promotion;" therefore,

Resolved, That the vote of this Grand Lodge whereby each Subordinate Lodge is permitted to initiate and confer the degrees on one clergyman each year, free of expense, be and is hereby repealed.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution in the communication from Bunker Hill Lodge, submitted their Report. On motion it was *voted* to recommit to the same Committee. Br. Stuart declined serving, whereupon Br. Hilliard was appointed to fill the vacancy, and submitted the following Report which was accepted, and Resolutions adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Public Lectures on Odd Fellowship and public Installations and Institutions, respectfully report the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That no public lecture shall hereafter be delivered upon Odd Fellowship, by any member of the Order in this State without the consent in writing of the Elective Grand Officers, or a majority thereof.

Resolved, That no public Installation or Institution shall hereafter be permitted in any Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

WM. HILLIARD.
J. B. FROST, JR.
SEWALL PEARSON.

On motion of Br. Mudge, it was

Voted, That the following resolution, adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Session, in 1845, be adopted by this Grand Lodge :

"*Resolved*, That each Subordinate Lodge may, by a vote of two thirds of the members, voting, grant a card to the wife of any member who may apply for it, signed by the Officers of the Lodge, and countersigned by the recipient on the margin, and to remain in force not more than one year ; and that similar cards may be granted to the widows of Odd Fellows, to remain in force as long as they shall remain such."

Brs. Hayden, Stone, Usher, Richardson and Lord were appointed a Committee to investigate the subject of Br. McLeish's publicly installing the Officers of a Lodge, and reported,

That, inasmuch as there had been a resolution passed, preventing such installations, in future, they recommend that the subject be dismissed.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Br. Stone, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to deliver to no person any visiting or clearance cards, unless upon order from some Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, signed by the N. G. and attested by the Secretary of that Lodge, with its seal attached, and endorsed by the person presenting the order, in the presence of the Grand Secretary.

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On motion of Br. Hilliard it was

Voted, That the sum of nine dollars be paid Br. Frost for his services as O. G. at Covenant Hall during this session, and that Br. Morse shall be paid the sum of two dollars for the same service at Encampment Hall.

On motion of Br. Mudge it was

Voted, That the Grand Officers direct so much of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as relates to the government of Subordinates to be appended to their Constitution.

On motion of Br. Burgess, it was

Voted, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be appended to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, when printed.

Voted, To refer the "Penalties and Trials" to a Committee of five for revision, and, when revised and approved of by the Board of Grand Officers, it be printed with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed the following Committee :

Brs. Hilliard, Usher, Parmenter, Prince, Richardson.

The following motion was referred to the Committee appointed on Penalties and Trials :

Moved by Br. Mudge that a Committee be appointed to codify the Laws of the Order, subject to the decision of the Grand Officers, and, when prepared, to be appended to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

At half past 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Attest,

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

Districts of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the D. D. Grand Masters.

DISTRICT No. 1,—*Wm. Ellison, of Boston.*

Massachusetts, No. 1; Franklin, 23; Montezuma, 33; Shawmut, 37; Pacifick, 42,—all of Boston.

DISTRICT No. 2,—*Raymond Cole, of Boston.*

Siloam, No. 2; Suffolk, 8; Oriental, 10; Covenant, 16; Boston, 25,—all of Boston.

DISTRICT No. 3,—*Henry Seaver, of Boston.*

Tremont, 15; Ancient Landmark, 32; Unity, 77; Commercial, 97,—all of Boston.

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DISTRICT No. 4,—*Charles D. Strong, of South Boston.*

Bethesda, 30, and Hobah, 53, of South Boston.

DISTRICT No. 5,—*Caleb Rand, of Charlestown.*

Bunker Hill, 14; Howard, 22; Olive Branch, 78,—all of Charlestown.

DISTRICT No. 6,—*Stephen Sibley, of Chelsea.*

Winnissimmet, 24, Chelsea; Maverick, 36, East Boston; Mystic, 51, Chelsea.

DISTRICT No. 7,—*Wm. Tozer, of Malden.*

Middlesex, 17, Malden; Souhegan, 38, South Reading.

DISTRICT No. 8,—*John S. Ladd, of East Cambridge.*

New England, No. 4, East Cambridge; Friendship, 20, Cambridgeport; Mount Auburn, 93, Cambridge.

DISTRICT No. 9,—*Daniel Leach, of Roxbury.*

Warren, 18, and Washington, 5, Roxbury; Norfolk, 48, Dorchester; Neponset, 84, Milton.

DISTRICT No. 10,—*Leo. Thompson, jr, of Woburn.*

Crystal Fount, 9, Woburn; Columbian, 29, Stoneham; Golden Rule, 65, Wilmington.

DISTRICT No. 11,—*Joseph Phelps, of Bedford.*

Macedonian, 47, Bedford; Concord, 50, Concord; Shawsheene, 64, Billerica.

DISTRICT No. 12,—*Thomas Barr, of Lowell.*

Merrimack, 7; Mechanics', 11; Oberlin, 28; Veritas, 49; Lowell, 95,—all of Lowell.

DISTRICT No. 13,—*S. Lovell of Weymouth.*

Mt. Wollaston, 80, Quincy; Crescent, 82, East Weymouth; Old Colony, 108, Hingham.

DISTRICT No. 14,—*John McLeish.*

Quinobequin, 70, Dedham; North Stoughton, 72, North Stoughton; Blue Hill, 93, Canton.

DISTRICT No. 15,—*J. C. Waldo, of West Cambridge.*

Bethel, 12, West Cambridge; Monument, 19, East Lexington; Harmony, 68, Medford.

DISTRICT No. 16,—*Joseph Gould, of Watertown.*

Lafayette, 31, Watertown; Prospect, 35, Waltham; Elliot, 58, Newton Upper Falls.

DISTRICT No. 17,—*A. W. Churchill, of Groton.*

Groton, 71, Groton; Harvard, 60, Harvard; Fredonian, 103, Shirley Village.

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DISTRICT No. 18,—*J. B. Atkinson, Jr., of Lancaster.*

Leominster, 86, Leominster; Lancaster, 89, Lancaster; Mt. Roulstone, 93, Fitchburg.

DISTRICT No. 19.—

Excelsior, 87, Foxboro'; Aurora, 107, Attleboro'; Wrentham, 111, Wrentham.

DISTRICT No. 20,—*Wm. H. Taylor, of New Bedford.*

Accushnet, 41, New Bedford; King Philip, 44, Taunton; Mount Hope, 63, Fall River; Weweantit, 81, Sippican Village, Rochester.

DISTRICT No. 21,—*Hiram Alden of Randolph.*

Massasoit, 69, North Bridgewater; Pilgrim, 75, South Abington; Rising Star, 76, Randolph.

DISTRICT No. 22,—*Joseph Cushman, of Plymouth.*

May Flower, 54, Plymouth; Tihonet, 92, Sandwich ; Mattakesett, 110, Duxbury.

DISTRICT No. 23,—*Otis Hoyt, of Framingham.*

Framingham, 45, Saxonville; Takewambait, 59, Natick; Marlboro', 85, Marlboro'.

DISTRICT No. 24,—*Albert Case, of Worcester.*

Quinsigamond, 43, Worcester; Worcester, 56, do; Hockomocko, 79, Westboro'; Hassanamisett, 102, Grafton.

DISTRICT No. 25,—*B. H. Davis, of Milford.*

Tisquantum, 46, Milford; Rising Sun, 99, Medway; Pulaski, 101, Upton; Evergreen, 105, Holliston.

DISTRICT No. 26,—*O. Underwood, of Milford.*

Union, 88, Douglass; Blackstone River, 106, Blackstone.

DISTRICT No. 27,—*Ansel Phelps, Jr. of Ware Village.*

Nazarene, 13, Ware Village; Wachusett, 73, Barre.

DISTRICT No. 28,—*Addison Ware, of Springfield.*

Hampden, 27, Springfield; St. John's, 62, Cabotville; Woronoco, 74, Westfield.

DISTRICT No. 29,—*Wendell T. Davis, of Greenfield.*

Nonotuck, 61, Northampton; Pocomptuck, 67, Greenfield; Adelphic, 109, Colrain.

DISTRICT No. 30,—*James M. Thompson, of Springfield.*

Berkshire, 57, Pittsfield; Oneco, 100, North Adams.

DISTRICT No. 31,—*John Low, of Methuen.*

Fidelity, 21, Andover; Hope, 34, Methuen; Mutual Relief, 83, Haverhill.

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DISTRICT No. 32,—*James Kimball, of Salem.*

Essex, 26, Salem; Bay State, 40, Lynn; Atlantic, 55, Marblehead; Ocean, 91, Gloucester; Holten, 104, Danvers.

DISTRICT No. 33,—*Dexter Dana, of Newburyport.*

Quascacunquen, 39, Newburyport; Agawam, 52, Ipswich; Powow River, 90, Amesbury.

DISTRICT No. 34,—*Wm. Summerhays, of Nantucket.*

Nantucket, 66, Nantucket.

DISTRICT No. 35.—

Marine, 96, Provincetown.

List of Representatives Elect, Admitted and Instructed.

Massachusetts, No. 1,—A. P. Cleverly.
Siloam, 2,—Arthur Stuart.
New England, 4,—Ed. G. Stevens.
Suffolk, 8,—E. Raymond, S. D. Leavens, Elisha Jacobs.
Crystal Fount, 9,—W. T. Grammer.
Mechanics', 11,—E. A. Rice, E. S. Davis.
Bethel, 12,—J. P. Pattee, A. Hill, J. B. Hartwell, J. Jarvis.
Nazarene, 13—Edwin L. Brainard.
Bunker Hill, 14,—Joseph Burrill, J. R. Bugbee.
Tremont, 15,—John J. Jennings.
Covenant, 16,—Wm. Rogers, J. W. Phelps.
Warren, 18,—Charles Marsh.
Monument, 19,—J. Beals, G. Stearns.
Friendship, 20,—Daniel H. Thurston.
Fidelity, 21,—Horatio Marshall.
Howard, 22,—Charles Poole, Henry P. Gardner.
Winnissimmet, 24,—G. W. Otis, Jr.
Hampden, 27,—Ammi M. White.
Oberlin, 28,—N. B. Favour.
Bethesda, 30,—Samuel Newmarch.
Lafayette, 31,—Josiah R. Hodgdon.
Ancient Landmark, 32,—E. B. Whitney, William H. Johonnot.
Montezuma, 33,—E. W. Champney.
Prospect, 35,—William E. Allen.
Souhegan, 38,—John H. Stone.
Quascacunquen, 39,—Thos. H. Lord.
Bay State, 40,—A. T. Newhall.
Accushnet, 41,—Timothy Ingraham.
Pacifick, 42,—Henry A. Fuller.
Quinsigamond, 43,—Wm. A. Ayres.
King Philip, 44,—James P. Ellis.
Framingham, 45,—Asa B. Cram.
Tisquantum, 46,—Nelson Parkhurst.
Macedonian, 47,—Lorenzo Phelps.
Veritas, 49,—William L. North.
Concord, 50,—A. C. Collier, E. Wild.
Mystic, 51,—George Darracott, Jr.
Agawam, 52,—John Kimball, 3d.
Hobah, 53,—Moses L. Capen.
May Flower, 54,—Isaac B. Rich.
Atlantic, 55,—Benjamin Brown.
Worcester, 56,—Samuel V. Stone.
Elliot, 58,—Pliny Bosworth.
Nonotuck, 61,—Samuel Wells.
St. John's 62,—L. H. Brigham.
Golden Rule, 65,—William Bacon.
Pocomptuck, 67,—A. F. Stone.
Harmony, 68,—Jas. M. Woodbridge, Amos Hutchins.
Massasoit, 69,—Darius Forbes.
Quinobequin, 70,—Carmi Richmond.
North Stoughton,—Elbridge Jones, Ezra Stearns.
Woronoco, 74,—Alfred A. Upton.
Pilgrim, 75,—Lysander Teague.
Unity, 77,—Sidney A. Stetson.
Olive Branch, 78,—James Gould.
Hocomocko, 79,—Phineas French.
Mount Wallaston, 80,—J. Brokenshire.
Crescent, 82,—John P. Lovell.
Mutual Relief, 83,—M. F. Peaslee.
Neponset, 84,—John Robie.
Leominster, 86,—J. H. Richardson.
Excelsior, 87,—Charles W. Mellen.
Powow River, 90,—Josiah B. Gale.
Blue Hill, 93,—A. S. Dudley.
Mount Auburn, 94,—Francis Tukey.
Lowell, 95—Henry J. Baxter.
Marine, 96,—Leander Crosby.

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Quarterly Report of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1845.

LODGES.		LOCATION.	Initiated.	By Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Deaths.	No. Degrees conferred.	Number of Past Grands	No. of Scarlet members	Number of Contributing Members.	Amount of Receipts.	Amount due G. Lodge.	Amount paid for Benefits of Brothers	Amount paid for Funeral Benefits.	Amount paid for other Charitable Purposes.
Massachusetts,	No. 1,	Boston,	7	..	11	1	..	1	..	..	69	14	304	444	$ 432 53	$ 10 85	$ 379 56	.....	$ 111 38
Siloam,	" 2,	Boston,	13	4	13	7	..	2	..	2	95	12	348	578	777 00	17 15	538 33	$ 60 00	45 00
DEFUNCT,	" 3.																		
New England,	" 4,	East Cambridge,	20	3	11	1	..	..	..	..	24	15	53	152	297 10	8 90	54 00	15 00	
Washington,	" 5,	Roxbury,	7	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	....	2	30	41	316 06	4 40	.....	.....	10 00
DEFUNCT,	" 6.																		
Merrimack,	" 7,	Lowell,	10	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	23	17	99	180	254 05	6 15	102 28	30 00	7 75
Suffolk,	" 8,	Boston,	14	2	5	1	..	..	..	1	69	18	175	381	813 24	16 40	62 00		
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	Woburn,	6	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	26	8	46	108	186 00	5 50	101 00	.....	10 00
Oriental,	" 10,	Boston,	6	2	1	3	..	..	2	..	18	13	118	209	299 23	5 00	132 00		
Mechanics',	" 11,	Lowell,	4	2	6	6	..	1	..	2	18	8	160	273	423 86	3 95	450 93	75 00	21 58
Bethel,	" 12,	West Cambridge,	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	22	13	33	91	154 18	4 05	81 00	30 00	
Nazarene,	" 13,	Ware Village,	9	2	....	..	..	2	1	..	18	8	8	72	153 12	5 15	27 00		
Bunker Hill,	" 14	Charlestown,	8	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	56	10	139	241	389 16	10 45	126 50	15 00	
Tremont,	" 15,	Boston,	16	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	119	6	146	278	586 97	21 00	410 00	15 00	15 00
Covenant,	" 16,	Boston,	11	1	14	1	..	..	..	1	24	9	43	124	276 50	8 00	8 00	50 00	
Middlesex,	" 17,	Malden,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	13	10	57	112	127 16	1 90	36 00	15 00	
Warren,	" 18,	Roxbury,	18	2	32	..	..	..	..	..	26	7	88	192	268 06	8 60	168 53	.....	11 26
Monument,	" 19,	East Lexington,	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6	8	9	48	54 00	1 15	3 00	15 00	
Friendship,	" 20,	Cambridgeport	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	16	5	78	150	206 62	2 60	148 00	.....	10 00
Fidelity,	" 21,	Andover,	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	21	8	33	65	99 17	3 65	40 56		
Howard,	" 22,	Charlestown,	5	3	....	1	1	..	..	1	18	8	92	163	219 30	5 35	126 50	30 00	
Franklin,	" 23	Boston,	10	3	4	..	..	..	2	..	26	9	123	244	158 00	7 90			
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	Chelsea,	27	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	16	9	72	182	253 83	9 15	58 00		
Boston,	" 25,	Boston,	14	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	48	8	137	246	492 84	12 05	220 00	.....	30 00
Essex,	" 26,	Salem,	25	2	4	..	..	..	2	1	110	7	176	238	678 37	23 85	158 00	40 00	19 00
Hampden,	" 27,	Springfield,	13	4	3	1	..	..	1	1	63	8	98	160	415 00	13 20	156 79	30 00	
Oberlin,	" 28,	Lowell,	9	1	....	3	..	2	..	1	13	8	108	203	331 25	6 10	241 05	70 00	
Columbian,	" 29,	Stoneham,	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	9	21	70	71 06	2 00	8 00		
Bethesda,	" 30,	South Boston,	9	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	26	9	116	208	242 79	6 15	172 00	15 00	
Lafayette,	" 31,	Watertown,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	7	18	52	118 37	3 80	18 00		
Ancient Landmark,	" 32,	Boston,	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	7	41	83	145 37	3 50	84 00	.....	10 00
Montezuma,	" 33,	Boston,	23	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	77	7	134	215	568 08	19 20	76 00	15 00	10 00
Hope,	" 34,	Methuen,	5	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	39	7	31	59	156 16	7 20	20 00		
Prospect,	" 35,	Waltham,	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	14	7	47	107	78 28	2 20	57 00	50 00	

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Maverick,	No. 36,	East Boston,	21	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	27	7	86	182	$ 271 12	$ 9 60	$ 41 00	.....	$ 10 00
Shawmut,	" 37,	Boston,	9	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	44	7	66	104	302 00	9 15	53 00	.....	2 00
Souhegan,	" 38,	South Reading,	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	21	41	29 00	1 45			
Quascacunquen,	" 39,	Newburyport	13	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	13	6	135	270	644 34	22 70	333 00		
Bay State,	" 40,	Lynn,	8	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	24	6	78	106	223 37	6 60	55 00	$ 15 00	
Accushnet,	" 41,	New Bedford,	15	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	47	5	90	121	400 75	11 80	60 00		
Pacifick,	" 42	Boston,	8	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	56	8	109	149	356 21	9 00	36 00	.....	15 00
Quinsigamond,	" 43,	Worcester,	25	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	123	7	85	218	620 62	25 15	107 00	15 00	6 61
King Philip,	" 44,	Taunton,	10	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	36	5	79	99	230 04	8 00	55 00	15 00	
Framingham,	" 45,	Saxonville,	16	1	2	..	1	1	1	..	40	4	32	53	285 80	10 40	114 00		
Tisquantum,	" 46,	Milford,	27	..	11	1	..	..	4	1	34	4	44	140	331 21	11 90	53 69	30 00	35 00
Macedonian,	" 47,	Bedford,	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	6	3	20	61	58 75	1 40	12 00	.....	6 26
Norfolk,	" 48,	Dorchester,	7	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	46	4	33	62	209 74	8 80	3 00		
Veritas,	" 49,	Lowell,	15	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	65	5	44	111	381 96	13 60	33 14		
Concord,	" 50,	Concord,	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	36	91	19 00	95	32 00	15 00	3 93
Mystic,	" 51,	Chelsea,	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	45	2	24	42	239 25	8 00	22 00	.....	18 00
Agawam,	" 52	Ipswich,	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	....	4	28	65	54 77	1 25	106 00		
Hobah,	" 53,	South Boston,	22	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	4	48	115	274 00	10 90	109 00		
May Flower,	" 54,	Plymouth.	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	50	71	87 36	1 80	32 00	.....	25 00
Atlantic,	" 55,	Marblehead,	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	3	72	109	188 03	5 10	50 00	15 00	
Worcester,	" 56,	Worcester,	15	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	49	4	37	114	304 25	11 10	24 00		
Berkshire,	" 57,	Pittsfield,	28	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	58	2	21	52	424 50	19 80	14 30		
Elliot,	" 58,	Newton U. Falls,	7	..	....	..	..	..	2	..	22	3	19	39	161 20	5 66	34 00		
Takewambait,	" 59,	Natick,	5	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	14	44	62 37	1 55			
Harvard,	" 60,	Harvard,	10	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	24	2	23	58	169 17	6 10	26 00		
Nonotuck,	" 61,	Northampton,	7	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	29	3	49	72	165 09	6 40	56 50		
St. Johns,	" 62,	Cabotville,	11	2	3	..	..	..	..	1	70	1	31	69	339 50	12 70	15 00	30 00	
Mount Hope,	" 63,	Fall River,	4	3	....	..	1	..	1	..	34	2	38	48	123 20	5 70	6 00		
Shawsheene,	" 64,	Billerica,	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	2	11	39	103 67	4 30	9 00	15 00	
Golden Rule,	" 65,	Wilmington,	8	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	3	11	38	57 00	2 00	16 00		
Nantucket,	" 66,	Nantucket,	16	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	33	2	69	109	417 75	11 55	77 85	18 50	
Pocomptuck,	" 67,	Greenfield,	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	46	2	30	56	231 57	9 10	86 00		
Harmony,	" 68,	Medford,	7	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	104	2	54	75	348 12	14 70	103 00	15 00	25 00
Massasoit,	" 69,	North Bridgewater,	13	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	62	2	27	43	310 62	12 85			
Quinobequin,	" 70,	Dedham,	15	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	39	2	31	75	244 26	9 60	7 85		

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Groton,	No. 71,	Groton,	28	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	6	2	9	56	$ 191 85	$ 7 90	$ 18 00		
North Stoughton,	" 72,	North Stoughton,	13	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	18	2	31	49	137 59	5 95	35 00	.....	$ 5 00
Wachusett,	" 73,	Barre,	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	2	23	58	123 78	4 10	16 00		
Woronoco,	" 74,	Westfield	15	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	36	1	27	47	72 65	11 70	35 00	.....	3 19
Pilgrim,	" 75,	Abington	11	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	42	1	19	44	196 81	9 05			
Rising Star,	" 76,	Randolph	10	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	30	1	26	45	195 18	8 60	18 87		
Unity,	" 77,	Boston,	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	32	57	177 22	2 30	60 00		
Olive Branch,	" 78,	Charlestown,	7	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	38	5	41	56	201 74	7 30	12 50		
Hockomocko,	" 79,	Westboro',	11	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	37	1	15	32	186 82	8 30	20 25		
Mount Wollaston,	" 80,	Quincy,	19	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	67	1	30	58	378 24	16 35			
Weweantit,	" 81,	Rochester, (Sip. Vil.)	5	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	23	1	14	33	107 50	4 70			
Crescent,	" 82,	East Weymouth,	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	47	1	33	52	234 60	17 70	13 00		
Mutual Relief,	" 83,	Haverhill,	28	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	110	....	28	49	635 03	27 10	9 00		
Neponset,	" 84,	Milton,	18	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	52	1	18	48	270 25	12 40	15 00		
† Marlboro',	" 85,	Marlboro',																	
Leominster,	" 86,	Leominster,	36	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	78	....	17	44	413 59	19 85	40 00		
Excelsior,	" 87,	Foxboro',	40	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	100	1	14	49	537 87	25 10	3 00	.....	10 00
*Union,	" 88,	Douglass,																	
Lancaster,	" 89,	Lancaster,	44	3	....	..	..	..	1	..	108	1	25	61	591 47	27 50	17 00		
Powow River,	" 90,	Amesbury,	27	4	....	..	..	..	..	..	12	....	26	37	573 50	27 40	15 00		
Ocean,	" 91,	Gloucester,	25	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	78	....	17	31	406 82	19 90			
Tihonet,	" 92,	Sandwich,	11	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	40	....	9	20	240 06	11 50			
Blue Hill,	" 93,	Canton,	15	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	100	....	23	29	456 40	18 10			
Mount Auburn,	" 94,	Old Cambridge,	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	22	39	75 00	3 75	20 00		
Lowell,	" 95,	Lowell,	11	5	....	..	..	..	..	..	17	4	25	39	235 00	10 05			
Marine,	" 96,	Provincetown,	26	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	32	....	11	37	339 00	16 70			
Commercial,	" 97,	Boston,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	21	35	81 00	3 30			
			1135	91	241	36	3	11	39	14	3756	463	5377	10215	$25 771 12	$ 896 22	$6449 98	$ 753 50	$ 475 96

* Union, No. 88—Evergreen, No. 105, and Blackstone River, No. 106; not Instituted.

† Marlboro', No. 85—Mount Roulstone, No. 98—Rising Sun, 99—Oneco, 100—Pulaski, 101—Hassanamissett, 102—Fredonian, 103—Holten, 104—Aurora, 107, and Old Colony, 108; Instituted last half of the Quarter, no Report due.

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Names of Officers Elected and Installed for the Term commencing January 1, 1846.

LODGES.	*N. G.*	*V. G.*	*SECRETARY.*	*TREASURER.*	*P. SECRETARY.*
Massachusetts,	No. 1, A. B. Ely.	N. M. George	W. Mallard	Cyrus Buttrick	J. G. Morse.
Siloam,	" 2, Geo. P. Geer	John McClellan	Thomas C. Porter	Robert Wharton	David T. Haraden.
New England,	" 4, Justin Jones	Geo. W. Fifield	Wm. Hunnewell	N. P. Brooks.	
Washington,	" 5, Stephen Tucker	Geo. B. Davis	Joseph F. Perry	Asa Wyman.	
Merrimack,	" 7, S. C. Ames	Aaron S. Holt	Robert McKenley	Wm. W. Curtis	Thomas Barr.
Suffolk	" 8, Samuel Nicolson	Horace Williams	W. W. Mead	Chas. S. Brown	Elisha Jacobs.
Crystal Fount,	" 9, M. F. Winn	Albert Thomson	Wm. T. Choate	S. Watson Drew	L. Thompson, Jr.
Oriental,	" 10, S. G. Andrews	J. S. F. Huddleston	C. S. Lane	Thomas Boyd	J. B. Frost, Jr.
Mechanics',	" 11, A. Lawrence	Rufus Rogers	L. A. Cutler	Samuel Perry	A. Hildreth.
Bethel,	" 12, D. P. Lovejoy	Thomas P. Pierce	R. W. Newton	Wm. L. Clark	S. L. Sanders.
Nazarene,	" 13, Ansel Phelps, Jr.	E. B. Whitman	Geo. E. Winslow	Chas. A. Stevens	Geo. H. Hudson.
Bunker Hill,	" 14, Henry A. Rice	F. H. Joy	John H. Clapp	Thomas J. Elliot	John H. Smith.
Tremont,	" 15, H. K. Moore	John S. Doyen	John H. McClennen	Hiram Fuller	Nathan Morse.
Covenant,	" 16, T. D. Chapman	L. H. Bracford	Avery P. Ellis	Josiah Livermore	David E. Metcalf.
Middlesex,	" 17, Francis J. Tay	Elbridge Green	David B. Kelsey	Robert T. Barrett.	
Warren,	" 18, James Anderson	Benj. F. Cook		Jos. M. Southwick	Luther Bullock.
Monument,	" 19, Curtis Capell	C. H. Webster	John A. Russell	Jos. A. Wellington	A. W. Bryant.
Friendship,	" 20, Joseph P. Howlett	L. R. Paige	Thomas G. Hovey	Increase S. Hawes.	Geo. F. Tarbell.
Fidelity,	" 21, Joseph R. Millett	Geo. Richardson	James Bell	Joshua Moar.	
Howard,	" 22, Henry A. Quincy	Mark F. Warren	Wm. B. Sisson	Henry Lyon	Francis Sisson.
Franklin,	" 23, David C. Davis	Joseph Allen	Jacob Todd	H. G. Jennings	C. G. Wells.
Winnissimmet,	" 24, H. W. Fenno	Geo. W. Clark	John F. Desmazes	Geo. Blake	Philip R. Merriam.
Boston,	" 25, Thomas Green	Geo. P. Clapp	Annis Merrill	Charles Waite	N. Wetherbee.
Essex,	" 26, George Russell	Henry Luscumb, Jr.		Benj. S. Gruch	Nath'l Goldsmith, Jr.
Hampden,	" 27, C. W. Kimball	Otis A. Knight	Henry Sizer	James Willson	Joel Holkins.
Oberlin,	" 28, A. B. Plympton	Josiah Curtis	Eliphalet Hills	Lambert Howe	Sydney Davis.
Columbian,	" 29, George W. Dike	Samuel Prentiss	Samuel Tidd	Lyman Dike	Lyman Dyke.
Bethesda,	" 30, Wm. A. Butters	Seriah Stevens	H. P. Caldwell	Caleb Thurston	T. S. Strout.
Lafayette,	" 31, Wm. A. Mansfield	Benj. Dana	Geo. W. Horn	Andrew Cummings.	
Ancient Landmark	" 32, S. M. Colcord	M. Parry Kennard	John L. Whipple.	Alexander Wood	H. B. Hersey.
Montezuma,	" 33, E. F. Lovejoy.	Judson Murdock	H. L. Devereaux	W. W. Goddard.	Harvey Lincoln.

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Hope,	No. 34, Stephen S. Robinson	S. R. Merrill	Enos M. Sweet	Joseph Eastman.	
Prospect,	" 35, Obadiah Sawtell	Chas. W. Fogg	Stillman Harris	Charles Harrington.	
Maverick,	" 36, Thomas Brown	Wm. S. Howard	Alexander Hitchborn	John Pierce	Geo. Butts.
Shawmut,	" 37, Simon Lamprell	G. B. Neagle	Clark B. Baldwin	Geo. W. Pope	Edward Jennings
Souhegan,	" 38, Francis A. Williams	Joseph O. Dix	Lewis Fairbanks	John Winship.	
Quascacunquen,	" 39, Francis Titcomb	Geo. T. Grainger	Gustavus A. Swasey	Charles Knapp	Benj. Davis, Jr.
Bay State,	" 40, D. J. Newhall	Thos. Herbert	Cyrus M. Stimson	S. M. Bubier	Samuel C. Pitman.
Accushnet,	" 41, Geo. A. Bourne	Wm. G. Cross	J. W. Nickerson	Wm. L. Gerrish	Frederick Vassault.
Pacifick,	" 42, Elbridge Wason	John E. Short	John K. Hall	Sias S. Sleeper	Henry Davis.
Quinsigamond,	" 43, Oliver Harrington	Wm. C. Barbour	Alfred Chaffin	Leonard Pool	J. S. Wesby.
King Philip,	" 44, F. S. Monroe	Charles Foster	D. S. Dickerman	Joseph Swasey	A. B. Crane.
Framingham,	" 45, John R. Clark	Jas. H. Whitmore	Nath'l E. Morrill	Wm. H. Ingraham	A. R. Johnson.
Tisquantum,	" 46, John Corbett	Lewis Johnston	James H. Barker	Peter Corbett	Charles H. Scribner.
Macedonian,	" 47, Geo. W. Woodward	Thomas Stiles	Chas. C. Corey	Wm. D. Reed.	
Norfolk,	" 48, Stillman Stone	J. W. Follansbee	Wm. Withington	J. A. Ellis.	
Veritas,	" 49, Luther P. Durgin	H. G. Smith	Derby McGerry	S. W. Hunt	C. W. Durgin.
Concord,	" 50, D. C. Emerson	Samuel Potter	Nathan S. Hosmer	Lorenzo Eaton.	
Mystic,	" 51, James A. Dix	Charles H. Webb	H. K. W. Palmer	John E. Wilder.	
Agawam,	" 52, Wm. H. Graves	Samuel Hunt	Daniel Parsons	John J. Philbrooks.	
Hobah,	" 53, E. S. Dillaway, Jr	George Page	John T. Lawton	F. F. Lundsteen	Albert Capen.
May Flower,	" 54, Geo. Gooding	C. C. Bradford	Edward Hathaway	Lemuel Bradford, Jr.	
Atlantic,	" 55, James C. Briggs	Thos. Main	Pharis Shirley	Samuel W. Bartlett	John Conway.
Worcester,	" 56, Wm. H. Harris	John P. Wyman	Julius L. Clark	G. A. Hamilton	Wm. Greenleaf.
Berkshire,	" 57, Roswell Woolson	Wm. G. Backus	Jesse Howard	L. M. Crane	R. R. Kingsley.
Elliot,	" 58, Geo. W. Keyes.	Claudius Wadsworth	Geo. Gould	Edmund Bacon.	
Takewambait,	" 59, Nathan Rice	Asher Parlin	Ambrose Sloper	Levi Gerrish.	
Harvard,	" 60, E. A. Holman	H. M. Smart	A. J. Sawyer	J. M. Whitney.	
Nonotuck,	" 61, J. W. Smith	Willard A. Arnold	Fred. A. Clark	Webster Herrick	R. Chenery.
St. John's,	" 62, J. R. Childs.	Albert Hayden	B. C. Whitcomb	Charles Mason	L. H. Brigham.
Mount Hope,	" 63, Thomas T. Potter	Horatio N. Gunn	Geo. G. Lyon	Wm. Langford	R. H. W. Ramsey.
Shawsheene,	" 64, John Baldwin, Jr	James Pinkerton	Gardner Parker	Chas. H. Hill	Cornelius Sweetzer.
Golden Rule,	" 65, Samuel B. Nichols	James Jaques	J. R. Nichols	Henry Kittredge.	
Nantucket,	" 66, Wm. Summerhays	Benj. Field	Geo. F. Barney	Geo. W. Macy	Chas. B. Mitchell.
Pocomptuck,	" 67, Dan'l W. Alvord	Thomas W. Ripley	John P. Rust	L. L. Graves	Wm. H. Allen.

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Harmony,	No. 68, Geo. E. Willis	John S. Emerson	Wm. H. Floyd	Geo. T. Goodwin	John Sparrell.
Massasoit,	" 69, L. D. Hervey	B. G. Green	A. Hayward	T. S. Mitchell	C. H. Packard.
Quinobequin,	" 70, J. M. Chase	A. B. Galucia	Elisha Thayer	Aaron Clark	
Groton,	" 71, Geo. H. Brown	J. N. Hoar	J. H. Loring	C. G. Worcester	
North Stoughton,	" 72, William W. Hawes	Luther Hayden		William Page	Hosea Osgood.
Wachusett,	" 73, Albert Alden	Edwin Wood	Harding Wood	Chas. Caldwell	Marshall D. Eaton.
Woronoco,	" 74, Robert M. Wilson	John G. Comstock	Chas. K. Bingham	Jasper R. Rand	Joseph Root.
Pilgrim,	" 75, Samuel D. Jones	Sam'l Phinney	Dan'l Lord	C. H. Lucus	Hector Foster.
Rising Star,	" 76, Caleb Stevens	Levi Mann	J. P. D. Wilkins	Levi Mann, 2d	Wm. P. Cooper.
Unity,	" 77, C. C. Nutter	Francis Gardner	Levi Chubbuck	R. B. Willis	S. D. Willis.
Olive Branch,	" 78, Isaac Cook	H. H. Fairbanks	Warren Tapley	Elbridge Brown	Benj. W. Eldredge.
Hockomocko,	" 79, Elisha F. Hyde	Cyrus J. Tirrell	E. H. Davis	Lyman G. Stevens.	
Mount Wallaston,	" 80, Jas. B. Perkins	Eleazur Frederick	Eben. Bent, Jr	Shadrack Wade	S. A. Davis.
Weweantit,	" 81, Geo. Delano	Walton N. Ellis	Robt. W. Hammett	James Willet.	
Crescent,	" 82, Z. L. Bicknell	E. T. Learned	B. F. Pratt	Josiah E. Rice.	
Mutual Relief	" 83, F. Brickett	L. C. Wadleigh	Joshua Sawyer	Chas. B. Hall	Wm. B. Eaton.
Neponset,	" 84, Benj. F. Hebard	Philarman Ruggles	Chas. Breck	Edwin Holden.	
Leominster,	" 86, Alanson J. Whitcomb	Joseph S. Darling	Joel W. Fletcher	Bernado S. Nichols.	
Excelsior,	" 87, Edwin W. Clark	James Waterhouse	John Waterhouse	H. H. Sumner.	
Lancaster,	" 89, John M. Pratt	Stevens H. Turner	L. F. Bancroft	Geo. W. Howe.	
Powow River,	" 90, Joseph Kingsbury	Eph'm K. Lamson	Sam'l Rowell	Joshua R. Cheswell.	
Occan,	" 91, Israel D. Shephard	Chas. E. Grover	J. L. Wilson	Wm. Grover, Jr	Wm. P. Dolliver.
Tihonet,	" 92, Chas. W. Lapham	Andrew B. Gardner	W. H. Marston	James W. Fish.	
Blue Hill,	" 93, Geo. R. Walker	Robt. Shankland	Jeremiah Kollock	V. A. Messenger	C. W. Marden.
Mount Auburn,	" 94, John Balsh	Isaac Hyde	T. J. Whittemore	Elliot Bowdoin.	
Lowell,	" 95, Wm. H. Clemence	Thos. E. Roberts	James Hopkins	Jona M. Marston.	
Marine,	" 96, Josiah Sturgis	Emmons Partridge	Wm. A. Atkins	Jona Crosby.	
Commercial,	" 97, Chas. Allen Browne	H. G. Clark.	E. H. Snelling, Jr.	Francis Low.	S. Clark Bixby.

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QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Held at the City of Boston, May 7th, 1846.

COVENANT HALL, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at its Quarterly Session, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present,

NEWELL A. THOMPSON,	M. W. G. Master.
E. M. P. WELLS,	R. W. D. G. Master.
J. M. USHER,	R. W. G. Warden.
WM. H. JONES,	R. W. G. Secretary.
HEZ. PRINCE,	R. W. G Treasurer.
WM. E. PARMENTER, JOSEPH L. DREW,	R. W. G. Representatives.

and a full representation from the Lodges within the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

Prayer by the R. W. D. G. Master.

On motion of Br. Drew it was

Voted, To dispense with the reading of the Records of the last session.

The Grand Secretary having pointed out certain errors in the printed Constitution, they were corrected and the Records as corrected, approved.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported on Certificates of Representatives.

Voted, To accept the Report and admit and instruct the Representatives whose certificates are correct.

Voted, That the incorrect Certificates of Representatives be returned.

Representatives admitted and instructed.

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Massachusetts, No. 1, A. B. Ely.—Siloam, 2, George P. Geer.—New England, 4, Justin Jones.—Merrimack, 7, S. C. Ames.—Suffolk, 8, S. Nicholson.—Mechanics', 11, Ambrose Lawrence.—Bunker Hill, 14, Henry A. Rice.—Tremont, 15, Hugh K. Moore.—Middlesex, 17, Moses Sargent.—Friendship, 20, J. P. Howlet.—Howard, 22, Henry A. Quincy.—Franklin, 23, David C. Davis. Jno. Snelling, Jr.—Winnissimmet, 24, Henry W. Fenno.—Boston, 25, Thomas Green.—Hampden, 27, E. H. Mitchell, H. M. Howard.—Oberlin, 28, A. B. Plympton.—Bethesda, 30, W. A.

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Butters.—Maverick, 36, E. M. Cunningham, Thomas Brown.—Shawmut, 37, Thos. P. Pulsifer, S. Lamprell.—Souhegan, 38, Francis A. Williams.—Quascacunquen, 39, Francis Titcomb.—Bay State, 40, David J. Newhall.—Pacifick, 42, Elbridge Wason.—Framingham, 45, H. P. Stevens, J. R. Clark.—Tisquantum, 46, Jno. Corbitt.—Macedonian, 47, Geo. W. Woodward.—Veritas, 49, Luther P. Durgin.—Mystic, 51, James A. Dix.—Agawam, 52, W. H. Graves.—Hobah, 53, E. S. Dillaway, Jr.—May Flower, 54, Geo. Gooding, G. Simmons, Jr.—Atlantic, 55, J. C. Briggs.—Worcester, 56, W. H. Harris.—Elliot, 58, G. W. Keyes.—Takewambait, 59, Charles Herring.—Harvard, 60, E. A. Holman,—Golden Rule, 65, S. B. Nichols.—Quinobequin, 70, J. M. Chase.—North Stoughton, 72, W. W. Hawes.—Pilgrim, 75, Samuel D. Jones.—Weweantit, 81, George Delano, West Luce.—Crescent, 82, Z. L. Bicknell.—Mutual Relief, 83, Franklin Brickett.—Marlboro', 85, Edward A. Gay.—Ocean, 91, W. Archer, Jr.—Blue Hill, 93, G. R. Walker.—Mount Auburn, 94, Isaac Hyde, J. P. White.—Marine, 96, Josiah Sturgis.—Mount Roulstone, 98, Wm. B. Towne.—Rising Sun, 99, Clark Partridge.—Oneco, 100, W. H. Warner.—Pulaski, 101, Samuel T. Fields.—Evergreen, 105, Hugh O'Brien.—Blackstone River, 106, Chas. S. Saunders.—Aurora, 107, Abraham Haywood.—Old Colony, 108, W. A. Hersey.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his quarterly Communication with documents accompanying it, which was accepted.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

Boston, May 7th, 1846.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

In obedience to the Constitution of this Right Worthy Body, we are again assembled for the purpose of legislating for the good and welfare of our beloved Order in this Commonwealth; and in compliance with the duty devolving upon me as your Grand Master, I have the honor to submit this, my third official communication, accompanied by the Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, as far as they have been received by me. From a perusal of these Reports, it gives me great pleasure to state that with but few exceptions, the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, continue in a sound and healthy condition, and that but very little has occurred during the past quarter to disturb the general prosperity and harmony of our Order throughout the State. Our numbers are still increasing steadily, though not so rapidly as heretofore; and it is believed that notwithstanding the repeated and deadly blows aimed at our Institution by a few base and unprincipled hypocrites—who are unworthy the name of men—it still retains its general popularity and the entire confidence of a very large proportion of the whole community. From the Report of D. D. G. Master Churchill, I am sorry to see that Groton Lodge, No. 71, is in a very depressed condition, having initiated but one candidate during the past quarter, and the members seeming to take but little interest in Lodge affairs. Bro. Churchill says that for the last few months their meetings have not averaged more than six or eight members, and many times they have not been able to open their Lodge for want of a sufficient number of members; that they are still incumbered with quite a heavy debt, and that those brethren who would bring about a better state of things, are seemingly getting discouraged. This is really a matter of deep regret, and demands your serious attention. District Deputy Grand Master, B. H. Davis, in his report,

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says that peace and harmony reigns throughout his District, except in Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, where there has been and continues to be, some disaffection growing out of the "Temperance question." The Grand Lodge, at its last session, adopted a Resolution requiring all Subordinates to submit forthwith to the Board of Grand Officers a copy of their By-Laws, and also such amendments as should be made from time to time, in order that such portions thereof, if any, as might be contrary to the Constitution and general laws of the Order, might be expunged. A few only of the Lodges have complied with the requirements of this Resolution. Among those sent to the Board of Grand Officers, was a revised copy of the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge, one article or clause of which, by the unanimous opinion of the Board, was deemed to be contrary to the true principles and spirit of Odd Fellowship, and by their advice, the Grand Master, acting under the aforesaid Resolution, directed the objectionable article to be expunged. It is unnecessary here to go into any argument in defence of the ground taken in this matter by the Board of Grand Officers, as it will doubtless be laid before you by the direction of Tisquantum Lodge, and the whole subject fully discussed. It is sufficient merely to say that the position taken by the Board is, that the Order of Odd Fellowship, *as such*, cannot be identified with any *particular creed*, either political or religious, nor with any of the questions of moral reform which are constantly agitating the community. That the Temperance question is one of this latter class, and notwithstanding its great importance and the desire which all good Odd Fellows may have to see it prevail, yet an Odd Fellow's Lodge room is not the place to agitate or discuss that question or any other whatsoever, which like that, would be sure to lead to discord and disunion. I most respectfully and earnestly invite your careful consideration of this whole subject, and sincerely trust that the Grand Lodge will in its wisdom adopt such measures as will tend to restore peace and harmony where discord now reigns; and to prevent the great evil which will be sure to follow any attempt on the part of one portion of the Order to put down those who may happen to differ from them in opinion touching any real or supposed right or duty, provided they are good citizens and honest men.

And while in this connection, I deem it my duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a direct contempt of its authority and decisions, in a similar case, on the part of Mechanics' Lodge, No. 11. On reference to the printed proceedings of the Annual Session in August last, [see page 194,] it appears that a Representative of that Lodge submitted certain resolutions, with a request that the Grand Lodge would express an opinion as to their constitutionality; and that Mechanics' Lodge might be authorized to incorporate their substance in its By-Laws. Those who were present at the time will remember the discussion that grew out of those resolutions, and it appears by the record, that the Grand Lodge, by a vote, authorized Mechanics' Lodge to adopt the first resolution—but rejected the second—thus deciding against the constitutionality of the proposed By-Law. Yet Mechanics' Lodge, notwithstanding it sought through its Representative the opinion of the Grand Lodge on the subject, and by thus asking its decision, virtually recognized and acknowledged its power and authority in the premises—has, in direct contempt of that opinion, as expressed by a decisive vote taken after full discussion, incorporated into its By-Laws a section embracing the whole of said second Resolution, almost word for word. Such a proceeding, it appears to me, cannot be justified or allowed. The votes and decisions of this Grand Lodge, acting within the scope of its known and acknowledged authority, ought and must be recognized and obeyed as positive law, by the several Subordinates under its jurisdiction; and this Body is bound, not only by a proper respect for its own dignity, but by a due regard for the general good and welfare of the whole Order in the State, to enforce its laws, and to declare in terms not to be misunderstood, that none of its subordinates can be permitted to violate them with impunity, or to hold in contempt any of its decisions upon matters relating to the government of the Order.

D. D. G. M. Gould, in his Report, speaks of a dispute which has arisen in Lafayette Lodge, No. 31, about the withdrawal of a member by card, who appeared in open Lodge, paid his dues, and asked for a card of clearance, which was granted by vote of the Lodge—but who afterwards neglected or

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refused to take the card. It is to be hoped that disputes upon such questions as this, will be amicably settled without assuming a very grave character, though I regret to say that members are sometimes apt to forget the great principles of our Institution, brotherly love, kindness and charity, even in the discussion of apparently unimportant matters; and in this instance, the subject under dispute might have been easily adjusted to the satisfaction of all, if reference had been had to the published proceedings of a late session of the Grand Lodge upon this very point. And this brings me to a suggestion contained in the Report of D. D. G. M. Atkinson, that the Grand Lodge should pass a law requiring the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as well as its Constitution and By-Laws, to be occasionally read in the Subordinate Lodges, that the officers and members may fully understand them. The suggestion is a good one, now that the number of the printed proceedings is to be limited, for in no other way can the members become familiar with the laws by which they are governed. Brother Atkinson reports Mount Roulstone Lodge, No. 98, as an instance of the evil arising from a want of knowledge of the laws and rules of the Order, that Lodge having through carelessness continued to initiate candidates for $5, instead of $10, as now required by the Constitution. Something should be done, and some penalty enforced, to guard against similar violations of law in future. Brother Atkinson reports also that Leominster Lodge, No. 86, is not in so flourishing condition as could be desired, owing to its being surrounded, as he says, "by a hot bed of opposition." But he adds that the members are determined by care and a straight-forward course, to "live it down, and finally triumph." And such I trust will be the result.

I have received from the Secretary of Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, a Communication, enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed in that Lodge on the 22d of April, which I deem it my duty to lay before you. The Resolution is as follows:—"*Resolved*, That any brother casting a black ball, shall give some satisfactory reason to the Lodge for casting it—otherwise such ball shall not be counted." This Resolution is said to have been passed by a vote of two-thirds of the members of Macedonian Lodge, but it certainly ought not to be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, as it appears to me to strike at the very foundation of the principle of secret ballot, which ought always to be protected. I have not, however, thought proper to interfere, as the Session was so near at hand, preferring to bring the matter to the notice of the Grand Lodge, that they might act in the premises as they thought expedient.

Since the last Quarterly Session, the several Lodges then or previously chartered, have been duly instituted, as follows:—

February 10. Blackstone River Lodge, No. 106, at Blackstone, by District Deputy Grand Master B. H. Davis.

February 13. Evergreen Lodge, No. 105, at Holliston, by Grand Warden J. M. Usher.

February 27. Adelphic Lodge, No. 109, at Coleraine, by the Grand Master.

March 6. Mattakeeset Lodge, No. 110, at Duxbury, by Grand Treasurer H. Prince.

March 10. Union Lodge, No. 88, at Douglass, by District Deputy Grand Master B. H. Davis.

March 11. Wrentham Lodge, No. 111, at Wrentham, by Grand Treasurer H. Prince.

Several Petitions have also been presented for the opening of new Lodges, which, with the accompanying documents, will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary. And I am happy to see among the Petitions one from the members of Adam Lodge, No. 6, for the re-establishment of that old Lodge. None of these Petitions have been acted upon or considered at all by the Board of Grand Officers, inasmuch as some of the members of the Board are of opinion that the power of granting Dispensations as heretofore, was taken away at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, by the adoption of Article 5th, Section 1st, Clause 1st, of the revised Constitution. But the clause referred to makes provision for the *granting of Charters only*, without expressly taking away the power to grant dispensations to open new Lodges subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge—which has always been heretofore recognized as among the legitimate powers of the Grand Master and Board of Grand Officers. Cases have heretofore come up where the good of the Order seemed to require

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the exercise of this power of granting Dispensations, and I believe the history of the Order in this State will bear me out in the assertion, that in no instance whatever, has the Grand Lodge refused to grant a Charter to a Subordinate Lodge which has been opened and commenced work under a Dispensation. Such cases may again occur, and I most respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to interpret the Clause of the Constitution above alluded to, and to determine by special vote whether or not the power of granting Dispensations to open new Lodges between the several regular meetings of the Grand Lodge, shall continue to be vested in the Grand Master and Board of Grand Officers, in order that all may act understandingly in the premises.

The Grand Treasurer will submit to you his Quarterly Report of the state of the Financial Department of the Grand Lodge, by which it will be perceived that everything pertaining to that department continues in a prosperous and sound condition. No special investment of the funds has as yet been made under the authority of the vote of last February, as it was thought best to wait until the large debts recently contracted for the new work, &c., should be fully settled. It will be seen that most if not all of these debts have been paid, and that there is still a considerable sum in the treasury. This balance will be permanently invested as soon as a proper opportunity offers.

Since the last Session, the Law then passed adopting a State Travelling Card has been carried into effect, and seems to be attended with success. The Board of Officers, under the authority granted them, prepared and caused to be stereotyped a proper plate, from which the Cards are printed and furnished by the Grand Secretary to all the Lodges in the State, and seem admirably calculated for the purpose for which they are intended. One of these Cards is doubtless in the possession of every member of this Lodge; and if approved, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of passing a special vote adopting the same as the established State Card.

In my last official communication I referred to the petition for an Act of Incorporation, which by authority of the Grand Lodge had been prepared by the Board of Grand Officers and presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts. The petition was at that time in the hands of the appropriate committee, and strong hopes were then and for a long time afterwards entertained that it would be granted. The Grand Officers with several other members of the Order, appeared before the Committee to urge their claims, but were unsuccessful. The fate of the petition is doubtless well known to you all, but the reason for its rejection has never been given, and I sincerely regret that there was no member of the Order in the Legislature, or other person sufficiently interested in the matter, to assert our claims and demand the grounds upon which the report of the Committee was based. Another year, it is to be hoped, will find us more successful.

In conclusion, I beg leave to tender my thanks to the Board of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their respective duties, and for the assistance rendered me in the discharge of mine. Having been much occupied by engagements of a personal and private nature during the past quarter, I regret that I have not been able to devote so much time to the affairs of the Order, as the position with which I am honored seems to demand. Relying, however, upon the efficiency and well known ability of the Grand Secretary, I have had occasion frequently to call his services into requisition for the performance of duties not strictly appertaining to his department, and it gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to the zeal and fidelity of that indefatigable officer.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.,

N. A. THOPMSON, *G. Master of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.*

On motion of the Grand Secretary—

Voted, That the M. W. G. Master's communication be referred to a Committee of three, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained in such manner that they may be considered separately by this Grand Lodge.

Bros. Parmenter, Strong and Davis were appointed.

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The Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, submitted the following Report, which was accepted :

The Committee on Elections and Returns, respectfully report that the returns of the following Lodges are correct, viz :—

Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21. 22, 23, 26, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72, 75, 77, 78, 82, 83, 84, 87, 93, 95, 99, 101, 106, 108.

The following are incorrect in per centage due Grand Lodge, viz :—

Nos. 24, 43, 47, 81, 86, 91, 102, 107.

Nos. 5, 29, 40, 100, incorrect in standing of members.

Nos. 14, 41, 54, 65, 68, incorrect in number and standing of members.

No. 89, incorrect in per centage and amount of receipts.

No. 79, incorrect in per centage, standing of members, and signature of N. G. wanting.

No. 76, error in per centage and no signature of V. G.

No. 105, overpaid sixty cents.

No. 94, cannot be examined. The name and standing of brother admitted by card not given.

No. 90, cannot be examined—the report of last quarter sent back for correction not having been returned. Error also in per centage.

The following are incorrect in standing of members and per centage, viz : Nos. 19, 50, 64, 80, 104.

No. 52, error in whole number and standing of members and per centage.

No. 98, error in degrees, &c.

No. 4, incorrect in standing of members and per centage. No date, and standing of brother reinstated not given.

No. 12, error in standing of members, per centage, and no date.

Nos. 16 and 92, cannot be examined. The last quarter's report sent back for correction and not returned.

No. 31, no date.

No. 73, error in per centage and no date.

No. 28, no date.

No. 27, error in standing of members, per centage, and no date.

No. 13, incorrect in per centage, standing of members, no date, signature of N. G. wanting, and over paid $1 30.

No. 74, cannot be examined. The standing of brother withdrawn by card not given.

No. 57, cannot be examined ; previous report sent back for correction, not returned ; standing of members admitted and withdrawn by card, not given ; error in per centage ; and due Grand Lodge sixty five cents.

Nos. 71 and 103, reports sent back for correction and not returned.

Respectfully submitted,

February 6, 1846. WM. H. JONES, *Chm'n ex. off.*

On motion of Br. Barr it was

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn at 12 1-2 o'clock to meet again at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Petition presented from North Chelmsford for a Lodge, to be located in that town, to be known as Stony Brook Lodge, No. 112, and referred to Brs. McLeish, Barr and D. Dana.

Petition presented from Brewster, for a Lodge to be located in that town, to be known and hailed by the title of Neptune Lodge, No. 113. Referred to Brs. B. H. Davis, Crosby and Sturgis.

Petition presented from Hopkinton, for a Lodge, to be located in that town, to be known as Eagle Lodge, No. 114. Referred to Brs. J. M. Thompson, Barrett and Forbes.

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Petition presented from brothers in Springfield for a Lodge to be located at Chicopee Falls, in that town, to be known as Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, and referred to Brs. Sibley, Mitchell, and Geo. Darracott, Jr.

Petition presented from Brighton for a Lodge to be located in that town, to be known as Nonantum Lodge, No. 116, and referred to Brs. Williams, Nourse and Howlett.

Petition presented to reinstate Adam Lodge, No. 6, of Boston, and referred to Brs. Lovell, Cushman and Plympton.

The Committee appointed to divide the subjects contained in the M. W. Grand Master's communication, in such manner that they might be separately considered by this Grand Lodge, submitted the following Report:

1st. That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Report as relates to Groton Lodge, No. 71, be referred to a committee of three.

2d. That so much thereof as relates to Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, to a committee of three.

3d. That so much thereof as relates to Mechanics' Lodge, No. 11, to a committee of three.

4th. That so much as relates to the reading of Proceedings, Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge in the Subordinate Lodges, be referred to a committee of three.

5th. That so much as relates to the communication and resolution of Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, be referred to a committee of three.

6th. That so much as relates to Petitions for new Lodges be referred to a special committee on each Petition.

7th. That so much as relates to the Power of the Grand Officers to grant Dispensations to open new Lodges be referred to a committee of three.

8th. That so much thereof as relates to State Travelling Cards to a committee of three.

9th. That so much as relates to the duty of the Subordinates, to return copies of their Constitution and By-Laws, for the approval of the Grand Officers whenever adopted and amended, be referred to a committee of three.

WM. E. PARMENTER.
C. D. STRONG,
W. T. DAVIS.

Voted, That the same committee retire and nominate committees for the several divisions of the M. W. Grand Master's communication.

The following communication, received from Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, was read, and, on motion, it was

Voted, To refer it to the committee to be appointed upon that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication relating to the subject.

Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F.

At a regular meeting, held April 22, 1846, the following addition to the By-Laws, having been on the table for four weeks, was adopted by a vote of two-thirds:

Resolved, That any brother casting a black ball, shall give some satisfactory reason to the Lodge for casting it, otherwise such balls shall not be counted.

A true copy.

Attest, GEO. W. WOODWARD, *Sec'y. Macedonian Lodge.*

Bedford, Mass., April 22, 1846.

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Communication from Accushnet Lodge, No. 41, read, and by vote ordered to be placed on file and the request therein contained complied with.

The Committee on the petition for Neptune Lodge, No. 113, Brewster, reported in favor of granting the Charter.

Voted, That the Report be accepted and Charter be granted.

The Committee on the Petition for Stony Brook Lodge, No. 112, North Chelmsford, reported in favor of granting the Charter.

Voted, That the Report be accepted and Charter granted.

Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, read and referred to Brs. Prince, Dike and B. H. Davis.

The Committee on the Petition for Nonantum Lodge, No. 116, Brighton, reported in favor of granting the charter.

Voted, To accept the Report and grant the Charter.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Quarterly Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand, Feb. 5, 1846, - - -	$3492 06
He has received from the Grand Secretary from that time to May 6, 1846, - - - - - - - - - - - -	1125 00
	4617 06
He has paid for contingent expenses as per vouchers produced,	1783 48
Balance on hand, - - - - - - - - - - -	$2833 58

Boston, May 6th, 1846.

Br. Barr presented the following communication, which was read and ordered on file:

DEDICATION AT LOWELL.

A new and magnificent Hall, located on Merrimack street, Lowell, will be Dedicated to the cause of Odd Fellowship, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. A general invitation to be present is hereby extended to the brothers of the Order. Services to commence at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

In behalf of the Committee,
A. LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for a Lodge in Hopkinton reported as follows:—

The committee appointed on the petition of sixteen brethren of Hopkinton, for a charter for a Lodge to be located in that town, to be known as Eagle Lodge, respectfully report—

That they have made enquiries of D. D. G. Master B. H. Davis, who is well acquainted with all the petitioners, and he informs us that he knows six of them to be Scarlet Members, in good standing, and that ten of them were initiates of Tisquantum Lodge. He also says that they have all withdrawn their cards for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, and it is his opinion, and also the opinion of the committee, that a charter should be granted the petitioners.

J. M. THOMPSON.
S. F. BARRETT.
DARIUS FORBES.

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Voted, That the Report be accepted and a charter for Eagle Lodge, No. 114, be granted.

The Committee appointed to nominate Committees on the several divisions of the M. W. Grand Master's communication, reported and recommended the appointment of the following Committees:

1st. *On Groton Lodge.*—Brs. Strong, Justin Jones, Angues.

2d. *On Tisquantum Lodge.*—Brs. Wells, Mullen, Wheeler.

3d. *On Mechanics' Lodge No.* 11.—Brs. Usher, Dana, Warner.

4th. *On Reading Proceedings, Constitution and By-Laws of G. Lodge in Subordinates.*—Brs. McLeish, Sturgis, Gooding.

5th. *On Macedonian Lodge.*—Brs. B. H. Davis, Tozer, Drew.

7th. *On the Power of the Grand Officers to Grant Dispensations.* Brs. Chas. H. White, Lord, Durgin.

8th. *On State Travelling Cards.*—Brs. C. C. Hayden, Nicolson, Howlett.

9th. *On the duty of Subordinates to transmit copies of By-Laws for the approval of the Grand Officers.*—Brs. Prince, O'Brien, J. M. Thompson.

Voted, That the Report be accepted and Committees appointed.

Appeal presented of C. W. Brabrook, a suspended member of Mystic Lodge, No. 51, from the decision of said Lodge in his case, and on motion, it was referred to a committee of five.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Strong, D. Dana, Cushman, McLeish, and Tozer.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, recommended that it be placed on file.

Voted, To adopt the recommendation.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition for the reinstatement of Adam Lodge, No. 6, submitted the following Report, which was laid upon the table to take its place in the regular order of business.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of A. Andrews and others, for the revival of Adam Lodge, No. 6, respectfully Report that they have no evidence that any of the petitioners were original members of Adam Lodge, or that they are all members of the Order, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

JOHN LOW,
A. B. PLYMPTON,
JOSEPH CUSHMAN.

The Committee upon the application of S. A. Shackford and others for a charter for a Lodge, to be located at Chicopee Falls, and hailed by the title of Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted:—

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Your Committee know of no reason why the granting of a charter for a Lodge at Chicopee Falls should be refused, but on the contrary, think that the convenience of the brothers in that place might be promoted and conduce to the welfare of the Order by the formation of a Lodge in that place; but, as four of the petitioners have not been Scarlet members the length of time required by this Grand Lodge, and two of the cards being incomplete, wanting the signature of the Grand Secretary, they would recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the Board of Grand Officers to grant a charter to the petitioners when they shall have complied with the requisition of the Grand Lodge.

STEPHEN SIBLEY,
GEO. DARRACOTT, JR,
E. H. MITCHELL.

The following petition, presented by D. D. Grand Master Davis, was, by vote, referred to the Committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication relating to Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Massachusetts:

RESPECTED AND WORTHY BROTHER:

We, the undersigned, officers and members of Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, of the I.O. of O.F., would respectfully and earnestly petition your Right Worthy Body, to grant us the privilege of inserting the By-Law, hereunto annexed, as a part of our By-Laws. We, as a Lodge, inserted said By-Law a short time since for our government, and the Right Worthy Grand Master, by the authority in him vested, ruled it out, as unconstitutional, and we accordingly submitted to said instruction, and now humbly submit the matter for your serious and candid deliberation. The said By-Law was adopted by only five dissenting votes,—an overwhelmning majority believing it to be for the good of our Order, in our village. And as the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges permitted us "to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any wise controvert any part of these Articles, the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order."—And as we were not aware of anything in the Articles in question, or in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order, that forbid the adoption of the said By-Law, we, as before mentioned, adopted it. And furthermore, we considered it in perfect accordance with everything in the principles of our beloved Order as we had received them. Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that you will revoke the decision of our R. W. G. Master, and grant the desire of your petitioners, for which, we will ever pray, and remain your obedient servants in Friendship, Love and Truth.

"*Section 13th of Article 9th.*

No person shall be admitted as a member of this Lodge, who traffics in intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, and any brother who is, or may be, engaged in said traffic, and shall continue therein for more than four weeks after being notified by a Committee from this Lodge, shall be suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine."

I disapprove the above.—LEWIS JOHNSON, *N. G.*
WILLIAM P. HAVEN, *V. G.*
JAMES H. BARKER, *Rec. Sec.*
CHAS. K. SCRIBNER, *P. Sec.*

It was voted that this petition be signed by the Officers of this Lodge, and P. G. B. H. Davis be a Committee to present this to your honorable body.
Tisquantum Lodge, April 20th, 1846.

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The Finance Committee submitted the following Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Committee of Finance report,—

That the Grand Secretary had in his hands Feb. 4, 1846,	$ 36 87	
He has received to May 5th, inclusive,	1373 72	
		$1410 59
He has paid the Grand Treasurer,	1125 00	
He has paid for contingent expenses for which he has produced vouchers,	247 02	
Balance in his hands May 6th, 1846,	38 57	
		$1410 59
The Grand Treasurer had in his hands including amount invested Feb. 5th, 1846,	3492 06	
He has received from the Grand Secretary,	1125 00	
		$4617 06
He has paid for contingent expenses for which he produces vouchers,	1783 48	
Amount invested,	1784 00	
Balance in his hands May 7th, 1846,	1049 58	
		$4617 06

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
GEO. ALEX. SMITH.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Grand Secretary had on hand Feb. 4th, 1846,		$36 87
He has received from Feb. 4th, to May 6th, for Charters,	$ 150 00	
For Petition from Chicopee,	30 00	
For quarterly dues and cards,	1193 72	
		1373 72
		1410 59

He has paid, viz:

Charter Fee returned to petitioners from E. Bridgewater,	$ 30 00
H. Prince, Grand Treasurer,	1125 00
Instituting Lodges and expenses of office,	42 02
Salary for the quarter ending May 6th,	175 00
Cash on hand to new account,	38 57
	$1410 59

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

Boston, May 6th, 1846.

The Committee appointed at the February Session on the appeal of Bro. Francis Tukey from the decision of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, submitted the following Report which was read and ordered to be laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the claim of P. G. Francis Tukey against Friendship Lodge, have attended to their duty and submit the following Report.

The claim of Bro. Tukey is for benefits during an alleged sickness from Sept. 1, 1844, to Nov. 25, 1844, being a period of twelve weeks; and also

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from June 13, 1845, to July 13, 1845, four weeks; in all for sixteen weeks' sickness, for which as a scarlet member he claims to be entitled to $80, of which he acknowledges the receipt of $20 leaving a balance unpaid of $60.

His claim was submitted to Friendship Lodge, Sept. 22d, 1845. The Lodge referred the matter to a Committee, who reported Oct. 6th, adverse to the claim, and the Lodge sustained the Report. Subsequently Bro. Tukey brought his claim by appeal before the Grand Lodge; and your Committee having summoned the parties, have carefully, and as they believe, impartially investigated the testimony presented by Bro. Tukey and the Lodge, and are now to submit their decision for your consideration.

The testimony offered has been so voluminous as to render it inexpedient for your Committee to embody in their Report anything but a brief outline of the facts.

The claim presented consists of two items, the first of which is for benefits from Sept. 1, 1844, to Nov. 25, 1844, a period of twelve weeks, of which he received benefits for four weeks. The point to be ascertained here is the commencement and duration of his sickness at that time. The evidence offered to sustain this part of the claim was vague and uncertain, and a greater part of it obtained in such a way as to make it necessary for the Committee to receive it with caution. The Records of the Lodge show that on the 21st of Oct. '44, Bro. Tukey was installed as Secretary of Friendship Lodge, and from that time was present at every meeting of the Lodge, until after the 25th of November, and it appeared to your Committee that his own records were strong presumptive evidence that even supposing that he still labored under the remaining weakness of his former sickness, he yet considered himself in such a state of health as to be no longer a proper recipient of the benefits of the Lodge, since, though present every meeting, he did not himself, neither did any one else report him sick after the 21st of October, the date of his installation. The Committee, therefore, consider that they cannot go behind and reverse the judgment he himself manifested at that time. The claim is therefore removed to the period between Sept. 1, and Oct. 21. And the enquiry is (by the acknowledged payment of his benefits to him from Sept. 24th to Oct. 22d, a period of four weeks) removed to the period between Sept. 1st, and 24th. Testimony was offered by the Lodge showing that on the 11th Sept. he was attending to his business; on the 12th he stopped at a store in Cambridgeport, when returning from business, and when asked by a person in the store to come down in the evening and take part in a discussion at the debating society, he declined, saying, he had another engagement; and the same witness testifies, that on that evening he was initiated into Friendship Lodge, and that Bro. Tukey officiated as conductor; and on the 23d he was in the Lodge again, taking an active part in its proceedings. This would seem sufficient to overthrow the claim; but the Committee here also find in his own acts conclusive evidence against his claim; for having received benefits for a sickness commencing Sept. 24th he does not object but tacitly acquiesces in the position implied by that payment, viz., that he was not entitled to benefits previous to that time. This assent on his part, and the fact that the claim *is not presented until a whole year has elapsed and a serious difficulty has occurred between him and the Lodge*, appears to your Committee to be conclusive evidence that he was not entitled to any more benefits at that time than he has already received, and the Committee therefore think that the decision of Friendship Lodge upon this item ought to be sustained.

The other item is for four weeks benefits for sickness from June 13th, to July 13th, 1845. Upon this item the evidence shows that he spent the greater part of the week previous in New York; and that on the evening of the 14th he attended a meeting of the marshals appointed for the celebration of the 19th; and on the 15th he officiated as superintendent of the Sabbath School; on the 17th, he was seen out attending to his ordinary business; and on the 18th, we find him in Boston, at Dr. Guild's, with several of his friends. And perhaps it would be proper for the Committee here to add that Br. Tukey remarked that the circumstances would have drawn any man of spirit from a

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sick bed ; but supposing this to have been the case, after he had accomplished all he desired to by leaving his bed, if he were as sick as the evidence of some of his witnesses would lead us to think, a proper care for his health would have prompted him to return immediately to his home ; but we find him again in the afternoon of the same day at Brighton, at Winship's Gardens ; and again in the evening about the Lodge-room of Friendship Lodge. Again on the morning of the 19th we find him on Boston Common, attending a meeting of the marshals, and then attending to his duties through the day; on the 21st he is at the Sabbath School ; and on the 30th, at the Sabbath School. And the Committee are compelled to state farther that at the periods not enumerated, *the evidence of Br. Tukey's health is very contradictory*, and would leave them in great doubt, if they were not here also relieved by Br. Tukey's own decision made at the time. It was proved that on the 4th of July, and again on the 7th, he stated to different persons that he only claimed benefits for one week, and that was for the week succeeding the 19th of June. The Committee have therefore only to enquire if he is entitled to benefits for that week : And here again they find that the claim of Br. Tukey presented to the Lodge at the time, was referred to a Committee to investigate the matter, and the Chairman of that Committee testified that during the week that the benefit is claimed for, he found that Br. Tukey was about his business five days of the week ; and he therefore reported adverse to the claim. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that, from the facts and evidence submitted to them, that the decision of Friendship Lodge upon this item is also correct—and that Br. Tukey has no just or legal claim upon that Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. PRINCE.
C. C. HAYDEN.
C. H. WHITE.
AARON P. RICHARDSON.

JOSEPH B. FROST, JR., *Secretary of Committee.*

The Committee appointed to take into consideration that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Communication relating to the reading of the Constitution, By-Laws and Proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodge in the Subordinates, submitted a Report and recommended a By-Law to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Subordinates, requiring the Constitution, By-Laws and Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge to be read in the Subordinates once in each month.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved, To adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

Amended by Br. Snow to strike out "once in each month," and insert "once in each quarter."

On motion of Br. Jones, it was

Voted, To recommit the Report.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Communication as relates to the power of the Grand Officers to grant dispensations, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report, requeating an explanation of Article V., 1st Section, page 87, of Subordinate Lodges,—beg leave to make the following Report—

That it is their opinion that the Board of Grand Officers cannot grant dispensations, inasmuch as the petition must be referred to a Committee of three

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who shall consider and report to the Grand Lodge the merits of the application. Your Committee believe that the merits of the application should be made known to the G. Lodge previous to a dispensation being granted.

C. H. WHITE,
H. LORD,
JOHN M. DURGIN.

A motion was made to lay the Report on the table which was lost.

Voted, That the opinion of the Committee, as expressed in their Report, be adopted as the sense of this Grand Lodge.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, at 12½ o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication relating to Macedonian Lodge, submitted the following Report and Resolution, which was accepted and Resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the G. Master's communication, referring to Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, ask leave to Report—

That in the opinion of your Committee the section of the By-Law referred to, is unconstitutional, and they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That Macedonian Lodge be hereby directed to expunge said section.

B. H. DAVIS,
WM. TOZER,
J. L. DREW.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary give notice to Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, of the passage of the above Resolution.

The Committee on that part of the Grand Master's communication relating to reading Proceedings, &c., of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following amended Report, which was accepted :—

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Third Quarterly Report, requesting the R. W. Grand Lodge to pass a law requiring the Noble Grand of each Lodge, under its jurisdiction, to read or cause to be read, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, would respectfully Report—

That in our opinion, the N. G. should read, or cause to be read, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, at least once in each quarter, and would suggest the following, as a By-Law :—

"The N. G. of each Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall read, or cause to be read, the Constitution, By-Laws, and Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, once in each quarter; and failing to perform the same, shall be subject to the censure of the M. W. Grand Master."

JOHN McLEISH,
JOSIAH STURGIS.

On motion, it was—

Voted, That the Report of the Committee, on the appeal of Br. Francis Tukey, be taken from the table for action thereon.

Voted, That the Report be accepted, and the opinion of the Committee concurred in.

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The Committee appointed on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication, relating to Tisquantum Lodge, reported as follows :—

To the G. L. of I. O. of O. F. of the State of Massachusetts :—

Your Committee, appointed to consider and Report on so much of the Grand Master's Report, as relates to Tisquantum Lodge, and to whom also was referred the petition from said Lodge, submit the following Report :—

Your Committee commend the gentle and respectful tone of the petition from Tisquantum Lodge, and would desire to comply with any request presented with so much propriety :—but your Committee conceive that the request of the petition, (though prompted by a desire to correct a growing evil,) would, if granted by this body, be one step towards the ultimate dismemberment of our Order. Your Committee believe it a departure from the province of O. F. to condemn that as immoral, which is not *directly* condemned as such, either by the laws of God, of the State, or of our Institution.

Your Committee, therefore, Report in favor of the action of the G. M. in striking out the By-Law of Tisquantum Lodge, and against the request of the petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

E. M. P. WELLS,
JOHN R. MULLIN,
REUBEN WHEELER.

Voted, To accept the Report of the Committee.

Moved, That the decision of the M. W. Grand Master be sustained, and that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Moved, by Br. B. H. Davis, To refer to a new Committee.

Br. Ayres moved the Previous Question, which was sustained.

Two Lodges having called for a vote, by Representation, upon the Main Question, it was taken, and the result was as follows :—

Yeas, 72 Nays. 17.

The Lodges voting in the affirmative were—

Massachusetts, Siloam, New England, Washington, Merrimack, Suffolk, Bethel, Bunker Hill, Covenant, Friendship, Howard, Franklin, Winnissimmet, Boston, Hampden, Columbian, Bethesda, Lafayette, Montezuma, Hope, Maverick, Shawmut, Souhegan, Quascacunquen, Bay State, Pacifick, Quinsigamond, Framingham, Concord, Mystic, Hobah, May Flower, Atlantic, Elliot, Takewambait, Harvard, Pocomptuck, Harmony, Pilgrim, Rising Star, Unity, Mutual Relief, Marlboro', Lancaster, Blue Hill, Mount Auburn, Lowell, Marine, Oneco, Pulaski, Evergreen, Aurora, Old Colony.

The Lodges voting in the negative were—

Crystal Fount, Middlesex, Oberlin, King Philip, Tisquantum, Macedonian, Veritas, Golden Rule, Quinobequin, North Stoughton, Excelsior, Rising Sun, Blackstone River.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication relating to Groton Lodge, submitted the following Report :—

The Committee appointed on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Report, as relates to Groton Lodge, No. 71, ask leave to Report—

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That after making such inquiry into the condition of Groton Lodge, as could be procured at this time, your Committee are of the opinion that a visit from a Committee of this Grand Lodge, would be most effectual in producing the desired effect in saving the Lodge, and preserving our chain unbroken. That a visit would call out all, or nearly all, the members, and after investigating their affairs, and knowing their situation and wants, such advice and directions could be given by the Committee as would induce the members to put forth such efforts as may be necessary to place them in a prosperous condition.—And would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That a Committee of Three, be appointed to visit Groton Lodge, to investigate their affairs, ascertain the cause of their unpleasant situation, and to give the brethren such counsel, directions and assistance, as in the opinion of the Committee the Lodge may require.

C. D. STRONG,
JUSTIN JONES,
JOHN A. ANGUES.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the Resolution.

Brs. Wells, Cummings and Ellison, were appointed the Committee.

Moved, by Br. Tukey, That the vote in the case of his Appeal *vs.* Friendship Lodge, be Reconsidered.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone the subject.

Br. Prince, from the Committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication relating to By-Laws, &c., of Subordinates submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges have attended to that duty, and beg leave to Report—

That the Grand Secretary send a copy of the Resolution referred to, to each Subordinate Lodge, and any Subordinate Lodge neglecting to comply with the Resolution referred to, for the space of one month after receiving said notice, shall be incompetent to have its officers installed untill the same shall have been complied with.

H. PRINCE,
H. O'BRIEN,
J. M. THOMPSON.

The M. W. Grand Master made a verbal Report upon the subject of revising and printing the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, as provided for by a vote passed at the February Session, and recommended the appointment of a Committee of Three, to attend to its revision and printing, which recommendation was adopted, and the following Committee appointed :—

Bros. Mudge, Strong, and Parmenter.

The following Preamble and Resolution, submitted by Bro. Ayres at the February Session, was taken up for action :—

Whereas by a vote of this Grand Lodge, permission has been given to Subordinate Lodges to initiate and confer the degrees on one clergyman each year free of expense, and whereas this Grand Lodge has by its subsequent decision, declared, that "Chaplains of Subordinate Lodges are appointed officers within the meaning of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and as such eligible to promotion ;" therefore,

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Resolved, That the vote of this Grand Lodge whereby each Subordinate Lodge is permitted to initiate and confer the degrees on one clergyman each year, free of expense, be and is hereby repealed.

On motion it was—

Voted, To adopt the Resolution.

The Committee in the case of P. G. Ambrose, Bros. Gardner and Dalrymple, and Oriental Lodge, asked for further time to Report, which was granted.

Bro. Tukey submitted the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That so much of the Records of the Grand Lodge as relates to the trial of Francis Tukey be erased.

A motion was made to lay the Resolution on the table, which was lost.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone the subject of the Resolution.

The Committee on that part of M. W. Grand Master's communication, relating to Mechanics' Lodge, submitted the following Report :—

The Committee appointed on so much of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as relates to the By-Laws of Mechanics' Lodge, beg leave to Report—

That they have examined the By-Laws, of said Lodge, referred to by the Grand Master, and also the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their session in August last ; and they are of opinion that although said Mechanics' Lodge have seen fit to adopt the By-Law referred to, they have not, by so doing, shown any contempt of this Grand Lodge, as will be found on reference to the printed Proceedings, page 19th, immediately after the rejection of Resolution, No. 2, of said Lodge, the following Resolution by Deputy Grand Master Wells:

"*Resolved*, That in the rejection of the foregoing Resolution, the Grand Lodge expresses no opinion on its merits."

Your Committee in making this decision, would not be understood as approving of the By-Law of Mechanics' Lodge, but feel in duty bound to express it as their honest conviction, that the introduction of such Articles into the By-Laws of the different Lodges of our Order, is only calculated to create contentions among our brethren, and keep from our Order many who we should rejoice to see numbered among us. Your Committee not only profess to be, but we trust are, firm friends to the cause of temperance ; but we think it not a subject to be discussed in the Odd Fellows' Lodge Rooms, and would therefore recommend that all who think the Temperance cause can be better promoted by *Secret Societies*, give their labors to such institutions as make Temperance the principle foundation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DEXTER DANA.
WM. H. WARNER.

Voted, To accept and adopt the Report.

Communication with Resolutions accompanying it from Lowell Lodge, No. 95, in relation to matters of grievance between said Lodge and brothers of Mechanics' and Veritas Lodges, presented

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and read. A motion was made by Bro. Tukey that the subject contained therein be indeffinitely postponed; which was lost—whereupon it was

Voted, That the subject be referred to a Committee of Three.

The Chair appointed Bros. Lovell, Prince and Woodward.

Bro. B. H. Davis offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That any brother who has received a card of clearance from a Subordinate Lodge under our jurisdiction, and fails to deposit the same in his own or any other Lodge — shall on a violation of the principles of our Order be held amenable to the Grand Lodge of this State — and a complaint may be entered to the Grand Officers during the recess of this body, who shall appoint a committee to investigate the same, and suspend the brother if deemed necessary until the next session of this body.

On motion of Bro. B. H. Davis, it was

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the charges that have been preferred against Bro. Lucian Prince, by Evergreen Lodge, No. 105 — to Framingham Lodge, No. 45 — for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; as said Prince holds a card of clearance in his possession from Framingham Lodge.

Bro. Lord offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:—

Resolved, That the D. D. G. Masters shall visit the Subordinate Lodges, under their jurisdiction, at least once in each quarter, at some proper time, other than that of the Installation of Officers, and that their expenses, if any, be paid by this Grand Lodge.

The petition for the reinstatement of Adam Lodge, No. 6, was taken from the table. On motion of Bro. Wells, it was—

Voted, To refer the petition to the Board of Grand Officers, with power to reinstate the Lodge, if deemed by them expedient.

Bro. Locke offered the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, 1*st*, That for the future, a Record be kept of all decisions made by the Board of Grand Officers, expounding the laws and customs of the Order, and that the same be submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval.

Resolved, 2*d*, That the Grand Master be requested to submit to this Grand Lodge, such decisions as may have been made during the recess, by the Board of Grand Officers, affecting the laws and customs of the Order.

Voted, To adopt the first Resolution.

Voted, To lay the second Resolution on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication and Resolutions from Lowell Lodge, No. 95, presented the following Report, which was accepted:—

The Committee on the request from Lowell Lodge, beg leave to Report—

That in their opinion the subject requires some attention from this body, and would therefore recommend that a Special Committee of five be appointed to investigate the grievance, and Report at the next Session of this Grand Lodge.

S. LOVELL,
H. PRINCE,
GEO. M. WOODWARD.

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Bro. Lord moved, "That the subject be indefinitely postponed." An amendment was proposed and carried, to strike out "indefinitely," and add "until the next Session of the Grand Lodge," and the motion as amended prevailed.

On motion of Bro. B. H. Davis, it was

Voted, That a Vigilance Committee of five be appointed.

The following brothers were nominated and chosen: H. B. Davis, Hilliard, Siders, Gould and Drew.

Moved, By Bro. Lord, That that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication, and all other matters relating to Mechanics' Lodge, together with this vote, be not printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which motion did not prevail.

Bro. Bernard Snow proposes the following Article to be added to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges :—

"Each Representative to the Grand Lodge, chosen from this Lodge, shall be required to attend each Session of the Grand Lodge, punctually, and for any failure to do so, shall be subject to a fine of one dollar per day, so long as the Session continues; said Representatives shall receive as a compensation for their time and services, two dollars per day during the Session, to be paid from the funds of this Lodge."

Also, the following Article to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge :—

"There shall be kept a correct Roll of the names of the Representatives from the several Subordinates, which roll, shall be called by the Grand Secretary at the opening and close of each day's Session of this Grand Lodge, and the names of those who may be absent at each time of calling said Roll, be entered by him upon the printed records of this Lodge."

Which is respectfully submitted.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge adjourned.

ATTEST,

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

The following Lodges, chartered at this Session, when Instituted, will be attached to the following Districts :—

Neptune, No. 113, to District No. 35. The District to be under the charge of Bro. Josiah Sturgis, who has been appointed D. D. G. Master.

Hopkinton, No. 114, to Dis. No. 25, under charge of D. D. G. M., B. H. Davis,

Chicopee, No. 115, to " No. 28, " " " " A. Ware.

Nonantum, No. 116, to " No. 16, " " " " Joseph Gould.

Stony Brook, No 112, to " No. 36, (a new District,) to be under the charge of Bro. I. W. Beard, who has been apppointed D. D. G. Master.

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Quarterly Report of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Mass., for the term ending March 31, 1846.

LODGES.		LOCATION.	Initiated.	By Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Deaths.	No. Degrees conferred.	Number of Past Grands.	No. of Scarlet Members.	Number of Contributing Members.	Amount of Receipts.	Amount due G. Lodge.	Amount paid for benefits of Brothers.	Amount paid for Funeral Benefits.	Amount paid for other charitable Purposes.
Massachusetts,	No. 1,	Boston,	10	..	7	8	..	..	7	2	78	15	312	437	$ 558 56	$ 12 80	$ 423 50	$ 90 00	$ 25 00
Siloam,	" 2,	Boston,	23	1	7	4	1	..	1	..	95	13	364	590	841 26	21 50	373 34	.....	88 92
Defunct,	" 3.																		
New England,	" 4,	East Cambridge,	3	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	34	16	57	155	231 49	5 90	51 00		
Washington,	" 5,	Roxbury.	2	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	21	3	32	44	114 95	3 60	19 00		
Defunct,	" 6.																		
Merrimack,	" 7,	Lowell,	5	..	....	..	..	2	4	1	21	18	102	186	284 16	4 60	140 71	30 00	5 37
Suffolk,	" 8,	Boston,	5	..	5	24	..	..	..	..	46	17	180	356	1144 74	7 10	45 00	25 00	90 00
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	Woburn,	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	5	9	43	107	149 67	2 00	53 00	.....	50 00
Oriental,	" 10,	Boston,	7	2	5	..	..	..	..	1	31	13	121	212	374 75	7 60	90 00	40 00	35 09
Mechanics',	" 11,	Lowell,	5	2	11	2	..	1	..	..	17	8	156	268	572 53	5 20	309 87	.....	68 33
Bethel,	" 12,	West Cambridge,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	13	35	91	99 88	1 60	17 50		
Nazarene,	" 13,	Ware Village,	4	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	31	9	14	72	183 25	5 10	79 89	15 00	
Bunker Hill,	" 14,	Charlestown,	17	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	73	11	150	255	504 58	15 80	119 25		
Tremont,	" 15,	Boston,	8	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	53	7	152	286	399 48	9 30	366 00	15 00	5 00
Covenant,	" 16,	Boston,	8	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	49	10	52	132	395 36	9 40	118 50		
Middlesex,	" 17,	Malden,	4	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	16	11	58	115	136 22	3 60	101 00	.....	15 00
Warren,	" 18,	Roxbury,	18	3	....	..	..	..	..	..	26	8	96	213	357 79	13 10	240 00	.....	15 09
Monument,	" 19,	East Lexington,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	8	51	74 50	2 00	10 00	15 00	
Friendship,	" 20,	Cambridgeport,	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	82	152	210 54	4 00	107 00	.....	5 27
Fidelity,	" 21,	Andover,	1	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	7	8	33	66	72 76	1 20			
Howard,	" 22,	Charlestown,	10	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	35	9	95	171	503 25	8 50	75 00		
Franklin,	" 23,	Boston,	9	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	64	10	138	249	427 22	11 90	155 00	.....	9 37
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	Chelsea,	6	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	23	10	77	189	230 63	6 30	80 00		
Boston,	" 25,	Boston,	19	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	45	9	142	258	532 22	14 50	220 00	.....	10 00
Essex,	" 26,	Salem,	22	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	64	8	188	258	554 74	17 90	105 00	40 00	
Hampden,	" 27,	Springfield,	28	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	130	10	118	191	667 75	28 50	170 39		
Oberlin,	" 28,	Lowell.	10	2	....	..	..	..	2	..	58	10	118	215	494 12	11 80	138 65		
Columbian,	" 29,	Stoneham,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	9	10	23	70	58 56	90	25 00		
Bethesda,	" 30,	South Boston,	12	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	24	9	119	215	328 36	8 40	150 00		
Lafayette,	" 31,	Watertown,	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	17	8	19	57	138 49	4 95	32 00		
Ancient Landmark,	" 32,	Boston,	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	8	43	88	171 25	4 50	37 00	.....	5 00
Montezuma,	" 33,	Boston,	16	..	1	3	1	..	..	..	85	8	145	226	528 27	16 50	106 00		
Hope	" 34,	Methuen,	1	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	5	7	32	60	64 08	1 00	79 25		
Prospect,	" 35,	Waltham,	2	..	....	3	..	..	..	..	9	8	47	106	193 94	1 90	38 00	15 00	

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Maverick,	No. 36,	East Boston,	8		3				2		42	8	90	187	$ 296 02	$ 8 20	$ 88 00	$ 20 00	$ 13 00
Shawmut,	" 37,	Boston,	1	1							16	8	69	106	156 49	2 80	55 00		
Soulegan,	" 38,	South Reading,	2									6	19	43	20 00				
Quascacunquen,	" 39,	Newburyport,	87	3	8				2		102	7	157	302	806 81	30 20	329 60	15 00	18 24
Bay State,	" 40,	Lynn,	9	2	1				1		41	7	83	120	347 00	9 60	65 24		
Accushnet,	" 41,	New Bedford,	13		1						27	6	92	133	301 50	9 20	24 00		
Pacific,	" 42,	Boston,	15	1					3		46	9	119	165	467 56	11 90	137 41		
Quinsigamond,	" 43,	Worcester,	5		3				1		65	8	100	230	394 77	10 80	50 00		5 00
King Philip,	" 44,	Taunton,	11		3						53	6	81	107	328 34	1 50	73 50		10 37
Framingham,	" 45,	Saxonville,	3		1							5	30	99	121 43	1 50	69 00	15 00	
Tisquantum,	" 46,	Milford,	5		22	1		1			34	5	43	123	255 10	5 90	42 58	30 00	15 00
Macedonian,	" 47,	Bedford,									12	4	22	61	66 87	1 20	44 00	15 00	
Norfolk,	" 48,	Dorchester,		1								5	32	63	47 23	50	10 00		
Veritas,	" 49,	Lowell,	8	2	3						53	5	54	118	403 07	10 30	44 57		
Concord,	" 50,	Concord,	2		3				1		19	5	31	90	116 41	2 90			
Mystic,	" 51,	Chelsea,	5			1					14	3	24	46	144 61	3 90			
Agawam,	" 52,	Ipswich,	5	1	2					1	21	5	24	68	115 50	5 10	54 00	30 00	
Hobah,	" 53,	South Boston,	5		2				1		37	5	51	118	231 25	6 20	84 00		
May Flower,	" 54,	Plymouth,	4		1				1	1	9	4	47	75	113 68	2 90	26 07	30 00	
Atlantic,	" 55,	Marblehead,	24	1		1						4	99	133	619 02	25 30	34 00		
Worcester,	" 56,	Worcester,	8	1	2	2	1				28	5	45	116	264 87	7 30	43 00	15 00	25 00
Berkshire,	" 57,	Pittsfield,	16	1	6				2		57	2	28	69	319 37	14 20	16 86		
Elliot,	" 58,	Newton Upper Falls,	3		1						14	4	18	41	91 30	2 90	49 00	15 00	
Tekewambait,	" 59,	Natick,	2	2					1		11	3	14	46	149 81	3 10	25 00		12 00
Harvard,	" 60,	Harvard,	5		12				1		30	3	21	50	150 48	5 50	12 00		
Nonotuck,	" 61,	Northampton,	20	1					1		59	4	58	93	410 19	16 40	181 48		33 75
St. John's,	" 62,	Cabotville,	22		1						98	2	50	90	478 00	20 30	10 00		
Mount Hope,	" 63,	Fall River,	9								26	3	44	57	94 80	7 10			8 00
Shawsheene,	" 64,	Billerica,									22	3	13	39	78 93	2 20	17 00	15 00	10 00
Golden Rule,	" 65,	Wilmington,		1	2							4	10	37	17 32	50	10 00		10 00
Nantucket,	" 66,	Nantucket,	12		1						20	3	68	120	294 25	8 00	69 29		105 00
Pocomptuck,	" 67,	Greenfield,	5	1	11					1	29	3	27	50	163 96	5 90	64 00	30 00	6 40
Harmony,	" 68,	Medford,	17								59	3	66	92	354 75	14 40	100 00	15 00	
Massasoit,	" 69,	North Bridgewater,	3								19	2	32	46	110 50	3 40	21 00	30 90	
Quinobequin,	" 70,	Dedham,	13	2						1	25	4	36	69	278 09	10 00			

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†Groton,	No. 71,	Groton,																	
North Stoughton,	" 72,	North Stoughton,	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	45	3	32	62	$ 271 86	$ 11 50	$ 30 90		
Wachusett,	" 73,	Barre,	2	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	19	3	24	60	121 15	3 40	10 00		
Woronoco,	" 74,	Westfield	30	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	134	2	47	76	625 18	28 40	27 00	.....	$ 10 00
Pilgrim,	" 75,	Abington	8	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	2	21	52	153 56	5 50	31 88		
Rising Star,	" 76,	Randolph	5	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	28	47	126 52	4 70	7 50		
Unity,	" 77,	Boston,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	18	5	34	59	120 10	2 80			
Olive Branch,	" 78,	Charlestown,	8	3	....	..	..	..	1	1	31	6	45	66	252 49	8 60	37 50		
Hockomocko,	" 79,	Westboro',	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	2	16	33	77 25	2 40	10 00		
Mount Wollaston,	" 80,	Quincy,	27	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	99	2	46	83	534 75	23 40	79 50		
Weweantit,	" 81,	Rochester, (Sip. Vil.)	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	14	33	46 12	1 10			
Crescent,	" 82,	East Weymouth,	21	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	51	2	41	68	340 75	16 10	40 00	$ 15 00	
Mutual Relief,	" 83,	Haverhill,	6	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	39	1	33	55	169 39	6 90	17 00		
Neponset,	" 84,	Milton,	6	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	28	2	20	54	168 75	5 80	19 00		
Marlboro',	" 85,	Marlboro',	32	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	62	....	10	37	346 00	22 20			
Leominster,	" 86,	Leominster,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	23	46	173 44	4 50	65 00	.....	11 48
Excelsior,	" 87,	Foxboro',	13	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	49	1	17	42	367 03	11 40	51 00		
*Union,	" 88,	Douglass,																	
Lancaster,	" 89,	Lancaster,	12	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	37	1	30	71	236 87	10 20	45 00		
Powow River,	" 90,	Amesbury,	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	26	1	32	43	156 01	6 10	21 00		
Ocean,	" 91,	Gloucester,	19	3	....	..	..	..	..	..	60	1	28	52	346 49	16 50	.....	15 00	
Tihonet,	" 92,	Sandwich,	15	..	....	..	..	..	2	..	63	1	14	35	299 11	13 80			
Blue Hill,	" 93,	Canton,	9	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	41	1	29	38	219 20	8 60	45 00	.....	29 22
Mount Auburn,	" 94,	Old Cambridge,	7	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	39	3	27	47	205 61	7 90	23 00		
Lowell,	" 95,	Lowell,	10	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	45	4	25	50	219 12	11 00	13 28		
Marine,	" 96,	Provincetown,	42	..	....	..	..	..	2	..	114	1	25	80	648 00	32 90			
Commercial,	" 97,	Boston,	11	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	29	1	28	46	264 50	8 40			
Mt. Roulstone,	" 98,	Fitchburg,	49	..	....	..	..	..	4	..	170	....	33	56	782 00	41 50	13 00		
Rising Sun,	" 99,	Medway,	35	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	101	....	18	45	649 39	28 60			
Oneco,	" 100,	N. Adams,	41	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	122	....	21	47	684 00	33 20	3 50		
Pulaski,	" 101,	Upton,	12	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	34	....	9	17	200 75	9 40			
Hassanamisett,	" 102,	Grafton,	12	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	53	....	16	20	236 00	11 30			
†Fredonian,	" 103,	Shirley Village,																	
Helios,	" 104,	Danvers,	25	3	....	..	..	..	1	..	109	....	27	34	495 22	24 90			
Evergreen,	" 105,	Holliston,	17	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	52	....	13	30	343 00	14 30	15 00		

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Blackstone River, No. 106.	Blackstone,	24	..	....	..	..	..	2	..	122	....	22	35	$ 551 45	$ 24 20			
Aurora, " 107,	Attleboro',	44	4	....	..	..	..	2	..	142	....	24	59	783 31	38 20	$ 10 00		
Old Colony, " 108,	Hingham,	48	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	149	....	32	60	807 62	38 90	.....	.....	$ 10 00
		1191	67	197	67	5	6	54	11	4606	540	6064	11393	$32 160 05	$1090 15	$6534 37	$ 605 00	$ 744 81

* Union, 88—Adelphic, No. 109—Mattakesett, 110, and Wrentham, 111, were instituted the last half of the Quarter ; no Report due.

† Returns received and sent back for correction, and not returned.

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Names of Officers Elected and Installed for the Term commencing April 1, 1845.

LODGES.	N. G.	V. G.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	P. SECRETARY.
Massachusetts, No. 1,	N. M. George	Dexter Bowker	A. W. Rand	Cyrus Buttrick	J. G. Morse.
Siloam, " 2,	John M'Clellan.	George Norton	Robert W. Hall	E. H. Tucker, jr	David T. Haraden.
New England, " 4,	Geo. W. Fifield	M. S. Boyer	Charles R. Gove	N. P. Brooks.	
Washington, " 5,	Geo. B. Davis	A. S. Burrill	Edward Brinley	Asa Wyman.	
Merrimack, " 7,	Charles Dodge	Robert McKenly	Wm. Lapham	S. C. Ames	Thomas Barr.
Suffolk, " 8,	Horace Williams	John D. Parker	Wm. W. Mead	Charles S. Brown.	
Crystal Fount, " 9,	Albert Thomson	Wm. T. Choate	S. N. Drew	Charles T. Converse	Joseph Blake.
Oriental, " 10,	J. S. F. Huddleston	E. W. Bumstead	B. F. Dean	Thomas Boyd.	
Mechanics', " 11,	Rufus Rogers	George C. Roundy	George R. Tarbox	Cyrus K. Morrell	Asa Hildreth.
Bethel, " 12,	Thomas P. Pierce	R. W. Newton	J. H. Eastabrook	J. G. Palmer	S. P. Landers.
Nazarene, " 13,	E. B. Whitman	G. E. Winslow	Horace F. Clark	E. L. Brainard	E. Sturtivant.
Bunker Hill, " 14,	F. H. Joy	John B. Wilson	Martin Burkes, jr	Joseph W. Whitten	John A. Smith.
Tremont, " 15,	John S. Doyen	C. S. McClellen	J. H. McClellen	E. Kingsbury	Nathan Morse.
Covenant, " 16,	L. H. Bradford	Carmi E. King	Charles S. Brett	Edwin R. Clarke	D. E. Metcalf.
Middlesex, " 17,	Elbridge Green	James George	Charles Stearns	Wm. Simonds.	
Warren, " 18,	Benj. F. Cook	Thomas Hiller	Wm. Gaston	James M. Southwick	Luther Bullock.
Monument, " 19,	C. H. Webster	John A. Russell	John Beals	H. Wellington	A. W. Bryant.
Friendship, " 20,	L. R. Paige	John B. Cook	Joseph W. Annable	Moses L. Savory	Geo. F. Tarbell.
Fidelity, " 21,	Geo. Richardson	James Bell	Edward Kershaw	Wm. J. Hill	G. Barnard.
Howard, " 22,	Mark F. Warren	Joseph Caldwell	L. W. Phillips	Henry Lyon	Francis Sisson.
Franklin, " 23,	Joseph Allen	A. M. McPhail	O. W. Bartlett	H. G. Jennings	C. G. Wells.
Winnissimmet, " 24,	Geo. W. Clark	John F. Desmazes	James P. Farley	George Blake	P. R. Merriam.
Boston, " 25,	Geo. P. Clapp	Wm. B. May	Wm. N. Nassau	Charles H. Pierce	N. Wetherbee.
Essex, " 26,	Henry Luscomb, jr	Benj. S. Grush	Franklin Grant	James Harris, jr	Nath'l Goldsmith, jr.
Hampden, " 27,	Otis A. Knight	James Wilson	Henry Bishop	John Gambor	J. Holkins.
Oberlin, " 28,	Josiah Curtis	John A. Nourse	J. J. Judkins	Eliphalet Hills	Sydney Davis.
Columbian, " 29,	Samuel Prentiss	H. N. Wyeth	S. Tidd	Brown Sweetzer	B. F. Richardson.
Bethesda, " 30,	Seriah Stevens	Charles Sampson	Thomas Baxter	Hiram A. Bowles	J. S. Strout.
Lafayette, " 31,	Benj. Dana	George Hill	Joel Barnard	Andrew Cummings.	
Ancient Landm'k, " 32,	M. P. Kennard	B. B. Gore	N. Chipman	George B. Davis	H. B. Hersey.

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Montezuma,	No. 33, Judson Murdock	Wm. A. Bell	S. C. Gardner	W. W. Goddard	Harvey Lincoln.
Hope,	" 34, S. R. Merrill	M. W. Bowen	E. M. Sweatt	Joseph Eastman.	
Prospect,	" 35, Chas. W. Fogg	John Pike	Charles Harrington	Richard Heard	Gideon Haynes.
Maverick,	" 36, Wm. S. Howard	Alexander Hichborn	S. R. Field	John Peirce	Geo. Butts.
Shawmut,	" 37, G. B. Neagle	James B. Davis	Charles Cleaves	G. W. Pope.	
Souhegan,	" 38, Joseph C. Dix	Lewis Fairbanks	John Winship	B. F. Bancroft.	
Quascacunquen,	" 39, Geo. T. Grainger	John Coombs	Edward H. Holland	George W. Goodwin	Benj. Davis, jr.
Bay State,	" 40, Thos. Herbert	Wm. Bassett	Wm. Hadley	Richard Drown	S. C. Pitman.
Accushnet,	" 41, Wm. G. Cross	James S. Barney	Wm. L. Gerrish	Benjamin Evans	Ferdinand Vassault.
Pacifick,	" 42, John E. Short	George Leighton	S. S. Sleeper	C. H. G. Chapin	H. Davis.
Quinsigamond,	" 43, Wm. C. Barbour	Edward Hamilton	A. L. Harrington	Fitzroy Willard	J. S. Wesby.
King Philip,	" 44, Charles Foster	Lemuel T. Talbot	Elias A. Morse	Joseph Swazey	A. B. Crane.
Framingham,	" 45, Jas. H. Whitmore	Joseph Fuller	James Dreghorn	John McInnez.	
Tisquantum,	" 46, Lewis Johnson	Wm. P. Haven	James H. Barker	Sullivan Sumner	Charles K. Scribner.
Macedonian,	" 47, Thomas Stiles	Charles C. Corey	Geo. W. Woodward	Charles M. Butterfield.	
Norfolk,	" 48, I. W. Follansbee	Wm. Withington	Sol. H. Willis	E. Warren Robinson.	
Veritas,	" 49, E. G. Richardson	Asa W. Farr	Ira M. Chase	Andrew T. Nute.	
Concord,	" 50, Samuel Potter	Lorenzo Eaton	Ephraim W. Bull	Eph. C. Wetherbee.	
Mystic,	" 51, Charles H. Webb	John E. Wilder	Ralph Beately	Isaac Elwell	Simeon Butterfield.
Agawam,	" 52, Samuel Hunt	Isaac Osgood	J. A. Newman	Melzerd Poor.	
Hobah,	" 53, George Page	Howard A. Doe	Geo. H. Wheeler	F. F. Lundsteen	Albert Capen.
May Flower,	" 54, C. C. Bradford	Joseph B. Brown	Samuel H. Doten	O. F. Alderman.	
Atlantic,	" 55, Thos. Main	John Adams	Wm. A. Shirley	George W. Shepherd	John Conway, jr.
Worcester,	" 56, John B. Wyman	George A. Hamilton	Samuel V. Stone	Appleton P. Lessure	Wm. Greenleaf.
Berkshire,	" 57, Wm. G. Backus	L. Murray Crane	Wm. D. Axtell	Isaac Cole	R. R. Kingsley.
Elliot,	" 58, Claudius Wadsworth	Edmund Bacon	George Gould	Phineas Drake.	
Takewambait,	" 59, Asher Parlin	Levi Gerrish	A. H. Davis	E. B. Phillips.	
Harvard,	" 60, A. J. Sawyer	J. M. Whitney	A. W. Nelson	A. W. Haynes.	
Nonotuck,	" 61, W. A. Arnold	S. S. Wells	Enos Parsons	Jos. Beals, jr.	
St. John's,	" 62, Albert Hayden	Wm. P. Winckley	G. M. Bigelow	G. G. Robinson.	
Mount Hope,	" 63, Horatio N. Gunn	C. W. Tillinghast	A. J. Wakefield	Wm. Langford	R. H. W. Ramsey.
Shawsheene,	" 64, James Pinkerton	Charles H. Hill	J. J. Gorham	John Dane	Cornelius Sweetzer.
Golden Rule,	" 65, James Jaques	Henry Kittredge	John R. Nichols	Luke Vincent	Wm. Bacon.
Nantucket,	" 66, Benjamin Field	Andrew J. Morton	George F. Barney	James Thompson	Edward F. Easton.

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Harmony,	" 68, John S. Emerson	Peleg Ford	Elisha Stetson	Joseph W. Mitchell	Henry Burridge.
Massasoit,	" 69, Ellis Packard	C. P. Stodard	L. Gurney, 2d	Oakes Soule	C. H. Packard.
Quinobequin,	" 70, A. B. Galucia	J. E. Boyden	C. J. Capen	S. Carroll	C. C. Churchill.
North Stoughton,	" 72, Luther Hayden	Hosea Osgood, jr	Wm. Page	Jefferson Fitts.	
Wachusett,	" 73, Edwin Wood	Marshall D. Eaton	Albert Tyler	John Field	Harrison O. Lee.
Woronoco,	" 74, John F. Comstock	Charles K. Brigham	W. H. Weed	John Grant	Joseph Root.
Pilgrim,	" 75, Sam'l Phinney	Daniel Lara	Charles H. Lucas	A. Osbourne	Hector Foster.
Rising Star,	" 76, Levi Mann	J. P. D. Wilkins	Levi Mann, 2d	Richard Stevens	Wm. T. Cooper.
Unity,	" 77, F. Gardner	Levi Chubbuck	R. Worthington	J. L. Holworth	S. D. Willis.
Olive Branch,	" 78, H. P. Fairbanks	Elbridge Brown	Warren Tapley	James Dearborn	B. W. Eldredge.
Hockomocko,	" 79, Cyrus J. Tirrell	Benjamin B. Nourse	Dexter T. Fay	George Forbes.	
Mount Wollaston,	" 80, Eleazur Frederick	John B. Currier	Quincy Bicknell	Joseph W. Robertson	S. A. Davis.
Weweantit,	" 81, W. H. Ellis	R. W. Hammatt	J. S. Bates	Stephen Hammond.	
Crescent,	" 82, E. T. Learned	B. F. Pratt	Prescot Lathrop	Josiah E. Rice.	
Mutual Relief,	" 83, L. C. Wadleigh	Joshua Sawyer	E. B. Hall	Wm. Taggart	Wm. B. Eaton.
Neponset,	" 84, Philarman Ruggles	Edward Holden	Charles Breck	Wm. F. Temple.	
Marlboro',	" 85, Samuel A. Chipman	Leander Bigelow	John Chipman	Aaron H. Felton.	
Leominster,	" 86, Joseph S. Darling	B. S. Nichols	Wm. H. Young	Joel W. Fletcher.	
Excelsior,	" 87, James Waterhouse	John Waterhouse	James S. Plimpton	Henry H. Sumner.	
Lancaster,	" 89, S. H. Turner	W. A. Tower	G. F. Chandler	A. L. Sawyer.	
Powow River,	" 90, E. K. Lamson	J. R. Chesswell	Samuel Rowell	Isaac Gunnison.	
Ocean,	" 91, Charles E. Grover	W. P. Dolliver	Richard Gardner	Joseph J. Procter	Thomas Ireland, jr.
Tihonet,	" 92, Andrew B. Gardner	W. H. Marston	Meltiah Tobey	James W. Fish.	
Blue Hill,	" 93, Robert Shankland	Charles W. Marden	Charles Endicott	V. A. Messinger	James S. Sumner.
Mount Auburn,	" 94, Leonard Lyon	John Balch	Thomas Whittemore	N. N. Stickney.	
Lowell,	" 95, Thomas E. Roberts	James Hopkins	Charles S. Eastman	Holland Streeter.	
Marine,	" 96, E. Partridge	Eben S. Smith	Sabin M. Smith	Jonathan Crosby	Josiah S. Fuller.
Commercial,	" 97, H. G. Clark	James Perkins	Q. H. Clark	John Sullivan	S. Clark Bixby.
Mount Roulstone,	" 98, O. T. Huntley	J. M. Gibbs	Charles Fessenden	Leonard Daye.	
Rising Sun,	" 99, John P. Jones	Joseph C. Lovering	Levi P. Coburn	Arnold Smith.	
Oneco,	" 100, Thomas H. Johnson	M. B. Bryant	L. C. Thayer	Thomas Taylor.	
Pulaski,	" 101, Charles A. Barber	David B. Bell	Francis Day	Rufus P. Johnson.	
Hassanamesitt,	" 102, Wm. Thornton	John W. Slocumb	Augustus Slocumb	George F. Slocomb	John Bigelow.

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Holten,	No. 104, Moses Tenney	George R. Carleton	Wm. H. Coffrain	Charles Estes	Wm. S. Fullock.
Evergreen,	" 105, Edward Clark	Jefferson French	Robert Bickford	E. W. Blood.	
Blackstone River,	" 106, James A. Baldwin	John B Salisbury	George W. Cook	Samuel Chase.	
Aurora,	" 107, Thaddeus Phelps	J. D. Pierce	A. H. Draper	A. C. Tift.	
Old Colony,	" 108, Fearing Burr, jr	J. W. Talbot	Henry Siders	Elijah L. Whiton.	Enos Loring.

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ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Held at the City of Boston, August 6th, 1846.

COVENANT HALL, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at its Annual Session at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present—

NEWELL A. THOMPSON,	M. W. G. Master.
E. M. P. WELLS,	R. W. D. G. Master.
J. M. USHER,	R. W. G. Warden.
WM. H. JONES,	R. W. G. Secretary.
HEZEKIAH PRINCE,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
EBEN FRANCIS,	R. W. G. Chaplain, *pro. tem.*
WM. E. PARMENTER, JOSEPH L. DREW,	R. W. G. Representatives.
J. A. CUMMINGS,	W. G. Marshal.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Br. Ellison—

Voted, That the reading of the proceedings of the May Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported on certificates of Representatives.

[*For List of Representatives, see end of Session.*]

Voted, To appoint a Committee of three to examine and report upon incorrect Certificates.

The M. W. G. Master appointed Brs. Parmenter, Beard, Jenkins.

The right of Br. Lord to a seat as Representative in this Grand Lodge having been contested, it was

Voted, To refer the subject to a Committee of five.

The M. W. G. Master appointed Brs. Drew, S. Wells, Summerhays, Goodnow, Rand.

Voted, That the Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

The Committee on the protest of Lowell Lodge against Br. Lord's right to a seat as Representative in this Grand Lodge, reported as follows :—

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That this Body is not competent to entertain an appeal from one Lodge against the right of a seat of any P. G. of another Lodge who presents the legal certificate of election.

J. L. DREW.
S. WELLS.
WM. SUMMERHAYS.
G. H. GOODNOW.
C. RAND.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the decision of the Committee.

Communication from * * * * * * * referred to Brs. Burgess, Richardson and Sibley.

On motion of Br. Barr—

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn at 1 o'clock to meet at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Past Grands whose certificates had been examined and found correct, were then admitted and instructed in the G. L. Degrees.

[*For List see end of Session.*]

The M. W. G. Master submitted his annual Communication with documents accompanying it, which was accepted.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

BOSTON, AUGUST 6th, 1846.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, we are again called upon to exercise the powers delegated to us as the legislators of our Order in this Commonwealth. And as the Representatives of more than twelve thousand constituents from every portion of the State, bound together by common ties and common interests, it becomes us all to enter upon the important and responsible duties committed to our charge with a firm and steadfast resolution to perform those duties conscientiously—in accordance with the dictates of sound judgment, and in a spirit of kindness and conciliation towards each other as well as with an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the whole Order under our jurisdiction. Let us then, brethren, in the outset, resolve to divest ourselves of all sectional or party prejudice or feeling—all private jealousies and personal animosities, should any such exist, and with a full determination to discard from our deliberations every thing calculated to excite these prejudices, these jealousies, these animosities ; let us resolve to confine ourselves on this floor to the consideration of those subjects alone which rightfully belong to an assembly like this ; leaving to other assemblies and other places the discussion of those many exciting topics of the day upon which the community are so divided in opinion, and the agitation of which so often tends to stir up the worst feelings of our nature ; and amongst Odd Fellows must inevitably lead to the entire destruction of those principles of unity, friendship and brotherly love which are the pride and boast of our Institution, and among our greatest objects to promote and cherish. We cannot be too careful to guard our Order against the introduction of these topics if we would preserve it from destruction ; for no human institution however firmly established against enemies from without, can long withstand internal discord and disunion ; and so true as is the injunction that "a house divided against itself cannot stand," so true is it that the days of our beloved Order are numbered when the members of it shall persist in converting their Lodge rooms into arenas for exciting and angry debate, or seek to deprive Odd Fellowship of its distinctive character by uniting it with the peculiar tenets and characteristics of other societies, sects or parties, and endeavoring to compel all who are in the Order or wish to remain there, as well as

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those who may seek for admission to its ranks, to acknowledge and adopt the same views. Our Order must stand or must fall as it is, with all its present peculiar characteristics. If we unite with it or suffer it to be united with any other, or adopt the laws or rules of any other order or society, we at once destroy its foundation and frustrate the very objects which called it into being. Let us then continue to guard, to cherish, and to protect it, and endeavor so far as in us lies to make it what its founders designed it to be, an Institution for the promotion of human brotherhood and the relief of human suffering. Let us but resolve to do this, and to destroy at once every seed and every germ of discord and dissension which may have been sown, or may have sprung up in our midst, and Odd Fellowship may bid defiance to every foe from without and long continue to exist and to flourish as an Institution wholly unsurpassed by any of a similar character, in this or any other age, for the extent and activity of its usefulness and benevolence.

In submitting this my fourth quarterly report to the Grand Lodge, it gives me great pleasure to state that the Order generally throughout the jurisdiction is in a healthy condition, though it appears by the Returns and such of the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as have been received, that during the last quarter there has not been so much work done in some of the older Lodges as in some previous quarters during the past year. Still, however, all, with but very few exceptions, appear to be in a sound and prosperous condition, and pursuing a straightforward course in carrying out the great principles of our Order. The several Lodges in the State are now divided into thirty-six Districts, each District being under the care of a District Deputy Grand Master. These officers are required by the 3d Article of the Constitution to submit quarterly to the Grand Master a written Report, and the Grand Master by the same Article is required to lay these Reports before the Grand Lodge. Heretofore these documents have generally contained but little else than was embodied in the several Quarterly Returns of Subordinates, and for this reason have usually been merely referred to in the Grand Master's communication, without being read. Having, however, in a former communication suggested to these officers the great propriety of embodying in their Reports such general information in regard to the Lodges under their jurisdiction as might enable the Grand Lodge to understand fully the standing and progress of the Order in their respective Districts, I am happy now to state that those now submitted are mostly of the character required, and instead of merely referring to them as heretofore, I beg leave to offer them as a part of this my Report, and as containing the kind of information most likely to be of interest to you. These Reports are from the following District Deputies, viz.—No. 1, Wm. Ellison ; No. 2, Raymond Cole ; No. 4, C. D. Strong ; No. 5, Caleb Rand ; No. 6, Stephen Sibley ; No. 7, Wm. Tozer ; No. 8, J. S. Ladd ; No. 9, Daniel Leach ; No. 11, Joseph Phelps ; No. 12, Thomas Barr ; No. 13, Stephen Lovell ; No. 14, John McLeish ; No. 15, J. C. Waldo ; No. 16, Joseph Gould ; No. 17, A. W. Churchill ; No. 18, J. B. Atkinson ; No. 19, J. R. Mullin ; No. 20, Wm. H. Taylor ; No. 21, Hiram Alden ; No. 22, Joseph Cushman ; No. 24, Albert Case ; No. 25 and No. 26, B. H. Davis ; No. 28, Addison Ware ; No. 29, Wendell T. Davis ; No. 30, James M. Thompson ; No. 32, James Kimball ; No. 33, Dexter Dana ; No. 34, Wm. Summerhays ; No. 35, Josiah Sturgis ; No. 36, I. W. Beard.

A few of these Reports only seem to contain subjects or suggestions for your special attention or action.

The situation of Groton Lodge as appears by the Report of Br. Churchill of District No. 17, seems to demand attention ; and it may be proper to appoint a Special Committee to ascertain the cause of the great and continued apathy which seems to have for some time past existed among the Brethren composing that Lodge, and if possible to devise some measures to restore it to its former good condition.

In the Report of Br. Atkinson of District No. 18, it appears that Mount Roulstone Lodge at Fitchburg, have departed from the letter of the Constitution in electing their last N. G. a Representative to this Body. The 1st Clause of Section 2d, Article II. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides as follows :—

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"*Clause* 1. Each Subordinate shall at the last meeting in June annually, elect by ballot from among the *Past Grands* who are in good standing such number of them as the Lodge is entitled to, to serve as Representatives for one year from the first Wednesday of the ensuing August."

According to *the letter* of this Clause a brother must have actually passed the Chair of the N. G. before his *election*—but it is for the Grand Lodge to determine according to the spirit and intent of the Constitution, whether or not a Brother elected while in the Chair of the N. G., but who becomes a Past Grand before he presents himself to the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to his seat. There seems to be some difference of opinion among the Brethren upon this point, though it appears to me to be a plain case, and I would respectfully suggest that the Grand Lodge at once decide it, that hereafter there may be no room for doubt. I would also suggest the propriety of a decision by this body, to be incorporated into a special rule,—as to whether a Subordinate Lodge shall or shall not be entitled to be represented on this floor, which from any cause whatever, either neglect or otherwise, shall fail to elect its Representative or Representatives at the time prescribed by the Constitution, to wit, at the last meeting in June. It appears by Bro. Atkinson's Report that Leominster Lodge omitted to attend to this duty in a constitutional manner, and omissions of this sort may very likely again occur in other Lodges, and will be sure to cause contests and embarrassment unless the Grand Lodge at once declare by positive rule that Representatives thus chosen shall or shall not be entitled to their seats.

The suggestions of Br. B. H. Davis of District No. 25, in regard to the formation of libraries, and the making of suitable provisions in the Subordinate Lodges for the establishment of courses of lectures, &c., are worthy of consideration. Some such measures would undoubtedly have a tendency to strengthen our bond of union and keep alive that personal interest in the affairs of the Order which is ever essential to the prosperity of institutions and societies like ours.

D. D. G. M. Dana, of District No. 33, mentions in his report, that a little uneasiness is manifested among some of the members of one of the Lodges in his District, in relation to the mode of voting Degrees, which arises in consequence of there being no Constitutional provision, prohibiting *Initiates*, &c. from voting in such cases, when our present rules require the Degrees to be voted only by Brothers holding the same Degree as the one applied for, and he suggests the propriety of some action on the subject by the Grand Lodge. It would, perhaps, be well that the law on this subject should be incorporated in the Constitution of Subordinates, so that new members may at once understand it. It is, however, for you to determine whether or not any legislation upon the subject is necessary. Br. Dana also asks for a decision of the Grand Lodge as to whether a P. G. shall be required to wear his Grand Lodge or Past Grand's regalia in a subordinate Lodge. The By-Laws of all subordinates, I believe, provides that no Brother shall be allowed to address the Lodge "*unless clothed in the Regalia of his rank.*" I was called upon sometime since, by Br. Dana, to interpret this law, and I at once decided that the Scarlet Degree being the highest Degree known to a Subordinate Lodge, as such, any Brother of the Order, however high he might be in Office in the Grand Lodge, unless actually holding an Office at the time in his own Lodge, would be considered as being "*clothed in the regalia of his rank*" if clothed in the Scarlet Regalia—that the P. G.'s or Grand Lodge Regalia was considered an Official Regalia which none excepting the Junior or sitting P. G. was actually required to wear in a Subordinate Lodge meeting, and that no P. G. could be considered as being clothed in improper Regalia at such meetings, if he chose to wear the Scarlet Regalia instead of the Sash and Apron of the Grand Lodge. This decision Bro. Dana says is not satisfactory to some of the brothers of his District, and he suggests that the Grand Lodge should determine the correctness of it. It is a small matter, to be sure, but if it is necessary to avoid discussion, it had better be decided at once. I have also received from Bro. Dana, two special communications upon the subject of the admission into one Lodge in his District, of a brother or brothers of another, without the State Card, and without being correct in the P. W. This is undoubtedly a direct violation of the rules of the Order, and the duty of the N. G. as laid

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down in his Installation Charge, and ought not to be permitted. I annex these communications of Bro. Dana, which are marked A., and forbear making further comments upon them, except to invite your attention to them through a special Committee.

I believe there are no other suggestions contained in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, to which I need call your particular attention, except the excitement which seems to exist in several of the Lodges, as referred to by D. D. G. Masters Barr, Lovell, Cushman and others, in regard to the Temperance question, and the action of Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, of Lowell, upon the course pursued by the Board of Grand Officers, and the G. Lodge at its last session, upon a By-Law and Resolutions of Tisquantum Lodge. This is indeed a grave matter, and one of vital importance, and calls for some full and decisive action on the part of this Body. My views upon this subject are too well known among the members of the Order to render it necessary to repeat them here. What I have said in the beginning of this report upon the destructive tendency of introducing exciting topics into our Lodges, will apply with peculiar force to the one under consideration, and I most sincerely trust that the Grand Lodge will at once rebuke this ill-timed and unwise action of the two Lowell Lodges. I have endeavored to obtain a copy of the Circular which those Lodges have caused to be distributed in many, if not most of the Lodges of the State, that I might annex it to this report; but for some reason which I cannot account for, I have not been able to obtain one, or even the perusal of one. If, however, as I understand, it contains a direct attack upon the Board of Grand Officers, and a reflection upon their motives of action, particularly those of the Grand Master, I can only say that after the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises, this attack upon the officers seems to be wholly uncalled for, and is totally unworthy the source from whence it emanates, and I beg to assure those who have seen fit to make it, that notwithstanding this attack, I shall retire from the Chair of Grand Master with the full consciousness of having, in every official act and decision, done that and that only which I fully believed to be my duty, looking only to the good and welfare of the whole Order.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge the following named Lodges which were then chartered, have been duly instituted, as follows :—

May 12. Eagle Lodge, No. 114, at Hopkinton, by District Deputy Grand Master B. H. Davis.

May 13. Nonantum Lodge, No. 116, at Brighton, by District Deputy Grand Master J. Gould.

May 23. Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, at Springfield, by Grand Secretary Wm. H. Jones.

May 27. Stony Brook Lodge, No. 112, at Chelmsford, by Grand Representative Wm. E. Parmenter.

June 2. Neptune Lodge, No. 113, at Brewster, by Grand Warden J. M. Usher.

The Grand Treasurer will lay before you his Annual Report, by which it will be perceived that all that appertains to his department has been performed with fidelity—that the financial concerns of the Grand Lodge are in a sound and healthy state, and that, notwithstanding the heavy expenses of the year of obtaining the New Work, new books, &c., &c., the Lodge is entirely free of debt, with a balance of upwards of $3000 in the treasury.

The Grand Secretary will submit the Reports of the several Subordinate Lodges, by which the work of the past Term may be ascertained. I regret that there has been considerable delay on the part of some of the D. D. G. Masters in forwarding their returns to the Grand Secretary's Office, and I would respectfully call their attention to a resolution which was passed at the November session of 1845, (see page 221.) That resolution provides that every Installing Officer who fails to send the returns to the Grand Secretary, "*at the earliest possible moment*" after its reception, shall be fined five dollars, and a previous resolution provides that no Lodge shall be installed until the return is placed in the hands of the Installing Officers. If these resolutions were complied with there would be no complaints, for the documents would then be in possession of the Grand Secretary at least two weeks before the session of the Grand Lodge, which would give ample time

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to the Committee to examine them, and to the printer to prepare a table for the use of members. But, unless some pains are taken to attend to this duty, there will be constant delay, and I would suggest that the Grand Lodge should decide by vote the precise time within which the returns shall be sent in by the Installing Officers, and that the fine of five dollars be enforced and collected for the use of the Lodge, should any one violate the rule. It was the intention of the Grand Secretary to have prepared from the annual returns a correct tabular statement of the work of the year, for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge at this session, but many of the Lodges having failed to send in their returns in time, he is unable to do so. If, however, they are sent in within a few days, this tabular statement may be prepared and printed with the proceedings of this session. Representatives of those Lodges, therefore, whose annual returns are not yet forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office, will endeavor to see that they are forwarded at once.

I beg leave to submit herewith, a copy each of the By-Laws of Adelphic Lodge, No. 109, and Mattakesitt Lodge, No. 110, and to refer the Grand Lodge to the 10th and 12th Sections of Article 9th of the former, and to the 1st Section of the 1st Article of the latter. Some amendment or alteration seems to me to be necessary in all of these, to make them conform to our laws, and I respectfully request that they may be referred to a Committee for due consideration.

In closing this, my last official communication to the Grand Lodge, permit me to congratulate you, brethren, and the members of our Order, whom you represent, as well as myself, upon the signal success which has attended us during the past year. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts which have been made by the base and unworthy, to break down the Institution of Odd Fellowship, its course has been steadily onward and upward; and in retiring from the Chair, which, through your kindness I have had the honor to occupy for the past year, I feel assured that I leave it with the Order in the very zenith of its prosperity, its usefulness and its popularity. Since, and including the last Annual Session, the following Lodges have been duly chartered, viz:

Lodge.	*No.*	*Location.*	*Lodge.*	*No.*	*Location.*
Washington,	6,	Roxbury.	Marine,	96,	Provincetown.
Pilgrim,	75,	Abington.	Commercial,	97,	Boston.
Rising Star,	76,	Randolph.	Mt. Roulstone,	98,	Fitchburg.
Unity,	77,	Boston.	Rising Sun,	99,	Medway.
Olive Branch,	78,	Charlestown,	Oneco,	100,	North Adams.
Hockomocko,	79,	Westboro'.	Pulaski,	101,	Upton.
Mt. Wollaston,	80,	Quincy.	Hassanamisett,	102,	Grafton.
Weweantit,	81,	Sippican.	Fredonian,	103,	Shirley.
Crescent,	82,	E. Weymouth.	Holten,	104,	Danvers.
Mutual Relief,	83,	Haverhill.	Evergreen,	105,	Holliston.
Neponset,	84,	Milton.	Blackstone River	106,	Blackstone.
Marlboro',	85,	Marlboro'.	Aurora,	107,	Attleboro'.
Leominster,	86,	Leominster.	Old Colony,	108,	Hingham.
Excelsior,	87,	Foxboro'.	Adelphic,	109,	Colraine.
Union,	88,	Douglass.	Mattakesett,	110,	Duxbury.
Lancaster,	89,	Lancaster.	Wrentham,	111,	Wrentham.
Powow River,	90,	Amesbury.	Stony Brook,	112,	N. Chelmsford.
Ocean,	91,	Gloucester.	Neptune,	113,	Brewster.
Tihonet,	92,	Sandwich.	Eagle,	114,	Hopkinton.
Blue Hill,	93,	Canton.	Chicopee,	115,	Springfield.
Mt. Auburn,	94,	Cambridge.	Nonantum,	116,	Brighton.
Lowell,	95,	Lowell.			

At the commencement of my term of service, our highest number was 74. It is now 116—showing an increase in the number of Lodges the past year, including the Washington Lodge, of 43, or 13 more than the previous or any preceding year, and, on reference to the yearly returns which have been received at the Secretary's Office, it appears that there has been a corresponding increase in the revenue of the Order as well as in its usefulness. The amount of revenue of the past year, exclusive of Quinsigamond, Takewambait, Aga-

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wam, Nantucket, Chicopee, Stony Brook, and Neptune Lodges, from which no yearly returns have yet been received, appears to be $100,127 76, or $13,858 56 beyond that of the preceding year; and the amount paid by all the Lodges in the State, exclusive of those above named, for the relief of brethren, widowed families, burying the dead, and other charitable purposes, appears to be $38,850 34, or $23,341 62 beyond the amount paid for similar purposes the previous year; an amount, it is believed, wholly unparalleled in the history of any other benevolent institution in this Commonwealth. The number of Initiations in all the Lodges, except Chicopee, Stony Brook and Neptune, from which no returns are due, appears to be 3744, or 339 less than the preceding year. This decrease, however, is by no means so great as might have been expected, taking into consideration the exciting celebration of 1845, and the strenuous efforts of our enemies during the past year to check our progress, as well as the natural decrease which must necessarily occur as we grow the older and become more extended. On the whole, brethren, I cannot but think that the results of the year now brought to a close, are exceedingly satisfactory and favorable to our Order, and that they must impress every reflecting mind with the vast importance and beneficial tendency of the Institution. That it may long continue thus to prosper and to extend its usefulness throughout every portion of this ancient Commonwealth, is my most sincere and earnest wish; and in surrendering the administration of its affairs to other, and I trust abler hands, I beg you, and all those with whom it has been my pleasure to be officially associated, to accept my warmest and most heartfelt thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy which has ever been extended towards me. Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.,

N. A. THOMPSON, *Grand Master.*

REPORTS OF D. D. G. MASTERS.

BOSTON, 20th JULY, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, Esq., G. M. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The officers elect of the five Lodges comprising District No. 1, were duly installed into their respective chairs at the commencement of the present month. Such is the state of prosperity and harmony in this District, that I am at a loss for material to make you any thing but a short Report. I feel happy to state that the Lodges in this District are free from internal dissensions and local troubles; the work of the Order is carried out in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Master, and there is a uniformity in the manner of conferring it that is worthy of commendation. The financial affairs of the Lodges in this District are in a healthy condition, and the meetings (considering the extreme heat of the season) are fully attended. I remain very truly yours, in F., L. and T.,

WM. ELLISON, D. D. G. M.

BOSTON, JULY 28th, 1846.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The officers of the several Lodges under my jurisdiction, were regularly installed at the appropriate time and the returns have been made to the Grand Secretary.

From personal observation, I have nothing to regret relative to the determined purpose of the Lodges in District No. 2, to maintain and fully discharge the duties they have assumed. And beyond my personal observation, I am happy to state that I have received no complaint of any nature.

Indeed, for the year I have had the honor of being D. D. G. Master of the above named District, it has been a source of great pleasure to me that so much harmony has existed in the Lodges in my District; and an additional pleasure that in no one case have I received any other than the treatment which becomes brothers and gentlemen.

And now, my dear sir, thanking you for the honor which you, unsolicited, conferred on me, and with the most sincere desire that neither you, nor the

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Lodges in my jurisdiction, have any particular reason to regret my appointment, and with the most ardent wish for your and their future prosperity,

I am your most obedient servant,
RAYMOND COLE, D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

To N. A. Thompson, Esq., M. W. G. Master of the R. W. G. L. of the State of Massachusetts.

To the M. W. G. Master, Newell A. Thompson, of the I. O. O. F. for the State of Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—In conformity with my duty, I herewith present you with my final Report as D. D. G. Master for District No. 4.

The officers elected by the Lodges for the current term, have been regularly installed into their respective Chairs, as follows, viz:

In Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, Charles Sampson, N. G.; Daniel Hall, V. G.; Wm. A. Butters, Secretary; and Hiram A. Bowles, Treasurer.

In Hobah Lodge, No. 53, Howard A. Doe, N. G.; Thomas Hill, Jr., V. G.; F. F. Lundsteen, Secretary; and J. H. Toombs, Treasurer.

These two Lodges constituting the District, are in a state of prosperity. Although the attendance of the members at the Lodge rooms, we regret to say, is much less regular, and the number of Initiations less than formerly, yet there has been a net increase the last year of twenty-three members in Bethesda Lodge, and of twenty-seven in Hobah; the two now contain three hundred and thirty-four members; two and a half years only having elapsed since the first one was instituted.

The work of the Order as prescribed by the new regulations, is well done and uniformly observed.

Since the institution of these Lodges in South Boston, it has been our constant effort to cultivate harmony and brotherly love between them and the several members thereof; and I am happy to inform you that in this particular they have probably never been excelled by any, and especially by any located as these Lodges are; and it is my ardent hope that no bickering or strife will ever mar their peace and prosperity.

Yours, respectfully, in F., L. and T.,
C. D. STRONG, D. D. G. M., 4th District.

CHARLESTOWN, JULY 14, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, Esq., M. W. Grand Master.

SIR :—In accordance with the duties of my office, I herewith transmit my last report of the Lodges in my District, together with the officers installed.

Howard Lodge, No. 22—Joseph Caldwell, N. G.; Jacob Crowningshield, V. G.; Robert B. Edes, Jr., Secretary; Edward Harding, Treasurer.

Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14—John B. Wilson, N. G.; Joshua Leavitt, V. G.; E. W. Titcomb, Secretary; P. S. Briggs, Treasurer.

Olive Branch, No. 78—Elbridge Brown, N. G.; Augustus H. Cole, V. G.; Wm. W. Wheildon, Secretary; Andrew McFarland, Treasurer.

I am happy to say at this, the close of my term as District Deputy, that the Order in this town is in the highest state of prosperity. Some evils which existed among us in our incipient state as Lodges, have been entirely eradicated by time and experience. I think I may safely say, so far as my own observation has extended, that in no place in Massachusetts, according to the population, is there a larger number of members, or more interest taken in advancing the sacred cause, than here on the soil of Bunker Hill.

As the financial concerns of a Lodge are greatly to be relied upon for its prosperity, particularly at this time, when we are not much upon the increase in numbers, we have resolved that, in proportion to the decrease of initiations, we will raise the amount of assessment.

As Lodges, and as individuals, we go to the death against the introduction of any of the topics of the day, (whether styled *reforms* or otherwise) either in the Grand Lodge or its Subordinates, thinking, as we do, that the specific objects for which we assemble, viz., the furtherance of the cause of human

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brotherhood, are of sufficient magnitude to occupy all our time and all our attention, while in our halls.

But as you do not desire to receive *long* Reports, I will close these my valedictory remarks, by expressing a desire that the good work may speed on, improving as it progresses, till all shall feel its sacred influence and acknowledge its intrinsic worth.

Allow me, Sir, in conclusion, to congratulate you upon the high state of prosperity which the Order enjoys at this time, when you are about to resign its command to other hands; and to return you my thanks for the many kind attentions which I have received at your hands during the term of your incumbency. Respectfully yours, in F. L. and T.

CALEB RAND, D. G. M., District No. 5.

CHELSEA, JULY, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, Esq., G. M. R. W. G. L. I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the pleasure to inform you that the officers of the several Lodges in my District (No. 6,) have been duly installed for the present quarter.

The two Lodges in Chelsea, Winnissimmet and Mystic, are still without a suitable hall for their meetings, having been disappointed in the completion of one had in contemplation. Consequently the Reports of those two Lodges do not present the usual increase of members.

I remain yours in F. L. and T.

STEPHEN SIBLEY.

NORTH STOUGHTON, JULY 8th, 1846.

To N. A. Thompson, Esq., R. W. G. M. I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In accordance with my duty, I hereby make a Report of my doings as D. D. G. Master. I have installed the officers of the Lodges in the 14th District, viz., Quinobequin Lodge, No. 70, located in the town of Dedham; Blue Hill Lodge, No. 93, in Canton; and North Stoughton Lodge, No. 72, in Stoughton. I am happy to say that they are all in a state of harmony and general prosperity. Blue Hill Lodge has recently taken a lease of a new hall for three years. It is located near the hall they formerly met in; it is the upper story of a three story house, the lower part of which is occupied as a tinware manufactory. It is in every respect well situated for a Lodge room. The members of this Lodge are attentive and very punctual at the Lodge meetings; perfect unanimity seems to prevail among them.

Quinobequin Lodge is also in a good and prosperous condition. They are anxious to do any and every thing to carry out the principles of our Order.

North Stoughton Lodge is situated in the village of North Stoughton, the place of my present residence; so that I had an opportunity of meeting with them every Lodge meeting in the past quarter. I am happy to say that no pains or expense is spared in carrying out the principles of our Order in this place. They are very particular in administering the work of the order; and indeed so I may say of the other Lodges in the District, all of which I have visited as much as I possibly could during the quarter. Nothing of an unpleasant nature has occurred in any of the above Lodges, that I am aware of, during the quarter, or indeed during the year. They have faithfully and fully complied with all the mandates of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by yours, in F. L. and T.

WM. TOZER.

To the M. W. G. Master of I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts.

Pursuant to my duty, I report my official acts in this District for the term last past.

July 3, 1846—I installed the officers elect of New England Lodge, No. 4, M. S. Boyer, N. G.; J. C. Nute, V. G.; R. P. Yuten, Secretary; N. P. Brooks, Treasurer.

July 1st—the officers of Mount Auburn Lodge, No. 94; viz., John Balch,

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N. G.; Thomas J. Whittemore, V. G.; Elliot Bowdoin, Secretary; Joshua R. Pettingill, Treasurer.

July 6th—the officers of Friendship Lodge, No. 20, were installed by Grand Representative Parmenter; viz., John B. Cook, N. G.; A. Chamberlain, V. G.; George G. Belcher, Rec. Secretary; George F. Tarbell, Per. Secretary; Thomas J. Leland, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. LADD, D. D. G. M. District No. 8.

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ROXBURY, JULY 25th, 1846.

To the R. W. G. Master.

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to report to you that all the officers elect in my District have been duly installed into their Chairs, for the present term, and that all the Lodges are in a good condition, although there has been a very small addition of members.

Very truly yours in F. L. and T.

DANIEL LEACH, D. D. G. M.

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BEDFORD, JULY 10th, 1846.

To the R. W. G. Master of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F. of Massachusetts.

This is to certify that the Lodges in District No. 11, have been installed as follows:—

July 1st. Macedonian Lodge, No. 47, Charles C. Corey, N. G.; Charles M. Butterfield, V. G.; Albion S. Willard, Secretary; David Read, Treasurer.

July 6. Shawsheene Lodge, No. 64, Charles H. Hill, N. G.; John G. Gorham, V. G.; John M. Dane, Rec. Secretary; C. Sweetzer, P. Sec.; O. M. Blodgett, Treas.

July 7th. Concord Lodge, No. 50, Lorenzo Eaton, N. G.; Ephraim W. Bull, V. G.; E. C. Wetherbee, Secretary; H. D. Tuck, Treasurer.

The Lodges in this District are in a healthy condition, and although not gaining much, we hold our own numbers, and hope for better times.

JOSEPH PHELPS, D. D. G. M.

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Lowell, July 8, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, Esq. M. W. G. M. of the State of Massachusetts of I. O. of O. F.

SIR AND BROTHER,—Having attended to the duties of my office for the District No. 12, attended by P. G. Ames and other P. G's, the Officers of the several Lodges were installed into their respective chairs.

Merrimack, No. 7. Mechanics', No. 11. Oberlin, No. 28. Veritas, No. 49. Lowell, No. 95.

We have gone on very quietly this quarter, although there is still the spirit of contention among a number of the brethren here, and I must say they are far from the true principles of our beloved Order. No doubt you have seen the printed Circulars that two of the Lodges have sent out as a remonstrance against your decision on the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge. But I hope every Lodge will follow the example of Oriental Lodge, and send their Communications back to them, for without we can stop such proceedings in the bud we shall have nothing but trouble and contention. As I was present in Veritas Lodge when the report of their Committee of P. G's brought in the Preamble accusing the Grand Officers, I asked liberty to say a word or two before any further action should be taken on their report, which privilege was granted. I told them the Grand Officers had done nothing but what had been sustained by a representative vote of 72 to 17, and for them to get up such resolves against the board of Grand Officers, in my opinion was unconstitutional. If they had got them up against the Grand Lodge, I should have thought less of it; but I trust they will receive their reward.

Yours in the bonds of F. L. & T.

THOS. BARR, D. D. G. M. of District No. 12.

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Boston, July 24, 1846.

Newell A. Thompson, Esq., M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of I. O. of O. F. of the State of Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with my duty, I would inform you that, so far as my ability and time would permit, I have attended to the interests of the Lodges composing District No. 13. The Officers of each of these Lodges have been duly installed for the present quarter, and the returns have been made to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Agreeable to the Constitution, I have visited each Lodge one night in addition to the installation night, to inspect the work, &c. These Lodges appear to be in a state of prosperity, and harmony exists among their members. Some excitement has been produced by the circular from the Lowell Lodges on the Temperance or By-Law question, which I very much regret. Still, I trust peace will prevail.

Yours, with respect,

STEPHEN LOVELL.

Malden, July 2, 1846.

The R. W. G. Master of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with my duty I transmit to you the last Quarterly Report for the present year.

My report will be in part connected with Bro. Tozer's district, as some circumstances made it desirable that he should remain and install North Stoughton Lodge, and also save expense: (he is now Pastor of North Stoughton Parish,) therefore an interchange of labor was desirable.

Last evening, (Wednesday, 1st inst) I attended Middlesex Lodge, No. 17, for the purpose of installing the Officers, and with the assistance of the P. G's of that Lodge, installed James George, N. G.; George P. Cox, V. G.; James A. Grammer, Secretary; and Edward Robinson, Treasurer.

Middlesex Lodge has been in operation nearly three years, and now numbers 115 good and true members, who, amidst contumely and oppression have maintained their decision of character and have had a gradual increase, although during the last quarter not a single member was admitted, arising from the $10 system. Since that law came into effect there has been a gradual decline of propositions, and indeed, it has affected all the country Lodges more or less, for the poor country artisan is excluded from the privileges of the Order, that the more fortunate enjoy, and the mechanic in large manufacturing towns possesses. Middlesex Lodge is well disciplined in the work of the Order, and sustains a high character for promptness and peace. No jarring notes are heard; all is harmony, friendship and love. Temperance views are carried out in full, of course morality must follow in its train; nor will the funds be drained for sickness caused by dram drinking. In a word, Middlesex Lodge is not a step behind any Lodge in your jurisdiction. Their motto has been, and is "Strict adherence to the principles of Odd Fellowship, and a sacred observance of law."

Tuesday, July 7, 1846.—Last evening, the Officers of Souhegan Lodge, No. 38, South Reading, were installed in due form as follows:—Bro. Lewis Fairbanks, N. G.; John Winship, V. G.; P. G. Samuel Kingman, Secretary; Bro. Charles Davis, Treasurer.

This Lodge now numbers 43 members, and is in a healthy condition, but its progress has been impeded for the last six months in consequence of not having a suitable Hall to meet in, having been obliged to hold meetings in an open garret, above a paint shop, and of course very much exposed, which rendered it impossible to initate without being overheard; but within a few weeks past they have hired a hall, now used by the Rechabites and are well situated for the present. This Lodge, though small, and having had only one person admitted during the last quarter, is in no ways discouraged, nor need it be; it is true to the work, and as proof of this, the Lodge has purchased a lot of land near the Rail Road Depot and are building a large Hall for their own use, which will, when finished, be an ornament to the village, and no doubt success will attend them. Their Hall will be finished in about two months and ready for work.

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Blue Hill Lodge, No. 93, Canton. I received, a few days ago, a communication from the Secretary of this Lodge, stating that their new Hall just built, was ready for examination by the D. D. G. Master. This was a duty I never understood as belonging to me, and accordingly wrote them to that effect, leaving them to be the judges of their own property and its disposal. Subsequently I called on the R. W. G. Secretary and he said that a By-Law to this effect was in existence, viz :—That it was the duty of the D. D. G. M. to examine new Lodge Rooms, and ascertain if they were properly situated and secure from without. On the strength of this knowledge I visited the new hall built by the Brothers of Canton. The N. G. waited on me, and in his usual kind way gave me all necessary information. The building where the Hall is, was built by the N. G elect; is three stories high, the Hall being upon the third floor, and is sufficiently secure, nothing can be heard or seen by persons standing below; the rooms underneath the hall are used by Br. Marden as his store rooms.

The Hall is 45 by 35 feet and is very well aired. It is tastefully arranged and decorated and reflects honor on all concerned.

This Lodge has done wonders, and has progressed beyond our most sanguine expectations. Among the members are some of the best men in Canton. In a word, this Lodge deserves credit for their zeal and uniformity in the work of the Order; they must prosper, for punctuality is the rule that moves them onward in duty.

For Installations, Br. Tozer will give you the particulars.

In closing my report, permit me to return my thanks to you for the honor you have conferred upon me, in entrusting me with the responsibilities of the office of D. D. G. M.; which I have endeavored to fulfil to the best of my judgment. I hope you will pardon whatever errors may have occurred in the performance of my work.

It will still afford me pleasure to serve in any way the I. O. of O. F. and aid to its advancement, in all the virtues connected with her principles. I also fondly hope that the next election of Grand Officers will result in the re-election of the present M. W. G. M. My vote would cheerfully be cast to carry that point, had I not been excluded by the election of two Jr. P. G's by No. 17, to represent its interest for the next year in the Grand Lodge; still this will not abate my zeal for the cause. I will work for her best interests still, as I have done; by night and by day, and at all times am I ready to go where called.

I remain, yours, in F. L. & T.

JOHN McLEISH.

West Cambridge, July 9, 1846.

Most Worthy Grand Master.

I have attended to the installation of the Officers of the several Lodges in my District, and am happy to report to you, of Harmony Lodge, of Medford, and Monument Lodge, at East Lexington, that they have done a very fair business during the term last past, and continue in a sound and vigorous state.

Bethel Lodge, at West Cambridge, from the fact that the population of the town is small, and all who would be likely to avail themselves of the pleasures and benefits of our Order, have already done so, has wrought but little during the last term; yet, we endeavor to maintain the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," which is the most important work of Odd Fellowship. My District is proverbially a farming community, and with that class of our population, the term just past, and the one just commenced, are very busy seasons; hence the attendance at the Lodge is now comparatively small; yet I have not been able to detect any depreciation of interest in the great principles of our profession.

Respectfully and affectionately,

J. C. WALDO, D. D. G. M.

N. A. Thompson, Esq. M. W. G. M. of I. O. of O. F. of Massachusetts.

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Watertown, July 14, 1846.

To the M. W. G. M. of G. Lodge of I. O. of O. F.

In conformity with my duty, I have been and installed the Officers of the Lodges under my jurisdiction. The Lodge in Brighton has got into their new Hall. They appear to be doing very well.

The Lodge at Newton appears to be about at a stand. They have initiated but one the past quarter.

The Lodge at Waltham appears to be about the same.

Lafayette Lodge has initiated the most, I believe, of the four Lodges, but have had quite a number withdraw for the purpose of forming the Lodge at Brighton.

The names of the Officers of the above Lodges are as follows :—

Lafayette Lodge—George Hill, N. G. L. P. Frost, V. G. Joel Barnard, R. S. Joseph Gould, P. S. Wm. McMaster, Treasurer.

Prospect Lodge.—John Pike, N. G. Charles Harrington, V G. Joseph C. Derby, R. S. Asaph M. Garfield, P. S. Samuel R. Viles, Treasurer.

Elliot Lodge.—Edmond Bacon, N. G. George Gould, V. G. Heman Crosby, S. David Legro, Treasurer.

Nonantum Lodge.—B. Snow, N. G. Isaac Farrington, V. G. F. A. Hall, S. H. W. Sanborn, Treasurer.

All the above Officers were installed into their respective Chairs in regular form for the quarter commencing July 1st, 1846.

Yours, in F. L. & T.

JOSEPH GOULD, D. D. G. M.

Groton Lodge, Wednesday eve. July 1, 1846.

To the M. W. G. M. of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

According to the customs of our Order, I met with the brothers of Groton Lodge, for the purpose of installing into their respective chairs the officers of the Lodge. But the officers elect being absent, the Lodge was adjourned to Tuesday evening, July 7th, when the N. G., V. G., Secretary, R. & L. S. to N. G. and R. & L. S. to V. G., were installed in regular form. The Treas., Warden, Con., I. G., O. G., and R. & L., S. S. were absent—therefore they were not installed.

The Lodge, as I reported in my last, is not in so favorable a condition as would be desirable, although I think their meetings may be a little better attended, yet are very thin. The Lodge, I fear, is not particular enough in regard to the enforcement of its By-Laws, and an observance of its Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CHURCHILL, D. D. G. M.

Fredonian Lodge, No. 103, Shirley Village, July 2, 1846.

To N. A. Thompson, M. W. G. M. of Mass. I. O. of O. F.

The officers of Fredonian Lodge, No, 103, were this evening installed in regular form The meeting was well attended, and the brothers appear to be much engaged in Odd Fellowship. The Lodge, I, think, is in a sound and healthy state.

A. W. CHURCHILL, D. D. G. M.

Harvard Lodge, No. 60, I. O. of O. F., Monday, July 6, 1846.

To the M. W. G. M. of the I. O. of O. F. of Massachusetts.

The officers of Harvard Lodge were this evening installed in regular form. The Lodge I consider in a very healthy state, the utmost harmony prevailing among the brothers. The work is done uniformly, and I think correctly. The brothers are punctual in their attendance, and the Lodge appears very well.

Yours, &c.,

A, W. CHURCHILL, D. D. G. M.

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Lancaster, July 8, 1846.

Most Worthy Grand Master.

Your D. D. G. M. having attended to the duty you assigned to him, would report, that Lancaster Lodge is in as good standing and condition as last reported, although they have done a very light business the last quarter, owing to our not having a suitable place to hold our meetings in, for nearly half of the quarter.

Mt. Roulstone Lodge is still in a very flourishing condition, but I am sorry to have to report them again to you. There is a great lack of duty on their part. At the last meeting, in June, instead of choosing their then Past Grand to the G. L. as they should have done, they nominated their then N. G. and after their installation, they chose him as representative for the coming year. I don't know but it may be done, but I told them that it was illegal and did not think the G. L. would receive him as a regular Representative.

Leominster Lodge, I think, is in a better condition than last reported, but the Doctor's quack nostrums have not fairly done operating yet; but if they don't have a relapse of the disease, I think that they will come out triumphant; but as regards duty, they are worse than Mt. R. Lodge, for they have neglected to nominate or elect a Representative to the G. L for the year ensuing, so there is another case for the G. L. to act upon. I think in such cases of neglect of duty, they ought to be deprived of a Representation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L & T.

JOHN B. ATKINSON, Jr., D. D. G. M. of District No. 18.

Boston, July 15, 1846.

To the R. W. G. M.

SIR.—The Officers of the Lodges in District No. 19, have been installed into their several offices in regular form. The District is in a healthy condition, with one exception. Attleboro' and Wrentham, I think, without exception, are two of the best Lodges in the State both as regards their correctness in the work and attendance at their meetings and the regular business of the Lodges.

On the part of Excelsior Lodge, I regret to say there is a want of attendance at the Lodge. They are deficient in the work, having done but very little for the last two terms; during the last, none were admitted and but nine Degrees conferred. The general appearance of the Lodge is in a depressed condition, but I am assured on the part of a portion of their members, that the work hereafter shall be kept correct, that the meetings may again become interesting, and the Lodge again prosper as it has done heretofore.

Yours in F. L. & T.,

JOHN R. MULLIN, D. D. G. M.

New Bedford, July 8, 1846.

DEAR SIR & BROTHER.—I again have the honor to make report of my doings as D. G. M. of this District, and it gives me great pleasure to be enabled to say that the condition of all the Lodges embraced within its limits is quite satisfactory, and their prospects are encouraging. So far as I have seen the work administered, it has been given with care and a good degree of accuracy, and I believe that the initiatory exercises are marked by a high degree of decorum, contrasting favorably with the ridiculous buffoonery in which some Lodges were formerly too prone to indulge.

The names of the Officers installed in the several Lodges, for the present quarter will be found accompanying this.

In retiring from the office which I have filled for the last two years, permit me gratefully to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy which has characterized the acts of all with whom I have had the pleasure to hold intercourse.

I am dear sir, very respectfully,

Yours in F. L. & T.,

WM. H. TAYLOR, D. D. G. M.

Newell A. Thompson, Esq., Grand Master I. O. of O. F.

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Randolph, July, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, M. W. G. M. G. L. Mass.

Sir.—In conformity to my duty as D. D. G. Master, in District, No. 21, I have installed into their respective Chairs, the Officers of the several Lodges, viz:

July 1. Pilgrim Lodge, No. 75, at Abington—Daniel Lara, N. G.; John B. Hutchinson, V. G.; Elbridge Whiting, Sec.; Harvey Penniman, Treas.

July 2. Massasoit, No. 69, at North Bridgewater—B. G. Green, N. G.; J. S. Mitchell, V. G.; G. F. Parish, Sec.; O. S. Soule, Treas.

July 8. Rising Star, No. 76, at Randolph—J. P. D. Wilkins, N. G,; Levi Mann, 2nd, V. G.; Daniel Howard, Sec.; William P. Daggett, P. Sec.; Richard Stevens, Treas.

These returns are deposited with the R. W. G. Secretary.

Yours in F. L. & T.

HIRAM ALDEN.

Plymouth, July 23d, 1846.

N. A. Thompson, Esq. M. W. G. Master of G. L. of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Since my last quarterly communication to you on the state of the Order in this District, nothing of more than ordinary interest has occurred. May Flower Lodge, No. 54; Tihonet Lodge, No. 92; and Mattakesett Lodge, No. 110; are all I believe in a healthy and prosperous condition, steadily increasing in members, resources, and general prosperity. For a particular statement of names of elective officers, number and standing of members, and other general information, I will refer you to the Quarterly and Annual Reports of the above named Lodges, which I have placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary together with the amounts due from them to the Grand Lodge. In conclusion I beg leave to state, that in my prospective vision I can see but one element of discord which is likely to disturb the harmony of the Order in this District.

If, notwithstanding the *free moral* exercise of the secret ballot and the power of expulsion for immoral conduct or any just cause, our brother shall still insist upon and finally cause their peculiar opinions on any of the great questions of the day to be made a *test* for the admission or expulsion of members; if they make it a condition, "*what we shall eat or drink or wherewithal we shall be clothed,*"—the inevitable tendency will be to engender *discord and disunion*, where all should be *peace* and *harmony*; and the result will be heated and *intemperate* debates on the *mere manner* of carrying out proposed moral reforms; and the broad liberal platform on which we all now so firmly stand, will be narrowed down to an arena for the combats of those fighting for *single ideas*, which will be as numerous and opposite as the combatants themselves. A result like this all good men will deplore. And may the *entering wedge not be driven*, that shall place assunder the bonds of *truth* and *love* that has made us a band of brothers.

In Truth, I am very truly yours, &c.

JOS. CUSHMAN, D. D. G. M.

To Col. N. A. Thompson. M. W. G. Master, &c., &c.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I have the honor herewith to transmit you Returns of my official proceedings and of the condition of the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Friday, July 3d. Assisted by the Past Grands of Quinsigamond and Worcester Lodges, I installed the officers of Worcester Lodge. This Lodge maintains its former respectable standing, and is in a healthy condition, although it has not initiated any during the last quarter.

Monday Evening, July 16th. Past Grand Wilson of Quinsigamond Lodge, having been specially deputized installed the officers of said Lodge. He was assisted by the P. G's present from Worcester and Quinsigamond Lodges. This Lodge is prosperous and well conducted.

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July 6th. P. G. George N. Goodnow, of Worcester Lodge, installed the officers of Hassanamesitt Lodge in Grafton. This Lodge has succeeded admirably, and rolled back the clouds which threatened to overshadow the light of Odd Fellowship in that vicinity.

Tuesday Evening, July 7th. Past Grand P. W. Wait of Quinsigamond Lodge installed the officers of Hockomocko Lodge at Westboro'. This Lodge has done well during the last quarter. The Return was sent direct to the Grand Secretary's Office.

I am happy to say, that throughout this District, as well as throughout the State, our beloved Order has increased in numerical and moral force, during the year past. It has lost nothing valuable, and yet it has acquired many worthy adherents and gained many important triumphs.

The present condition of the Order is highly gratifying to all lovers of human progress. I congratulate you, worthy sir, on the success that has crowned your exertions, in the administration of the affairs of a great and important trust. Your duties have been difficult and arduous, yet with a faithful persevering spirit you have labored, and succeeded to the satisfaction I believe of the great constituency; and I trust at the close of your official term, the retrospection will be as satisfactory to yourself, as your administration has been profitable to the Fraternity.

Very respectfully in F. L. & T.

ALBERT CASE, D. D. G. Master.

WORCESTER, JULY, 13, 1846.

MILFORD, JULY 10, 1846.

To the Most Worthy Grand Master.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It once more becomes my duty to address you officially in regard to the standing and prosperity of the several Lodges under my jurisdiction. I have attended to the installation of the Officers in all the Lodges except Pulaski, and I did not install them on the night of their first meeting in this quarter on account of their not having their Return ready to give me. The Secretary had made off the Return and mislaid it, therefore I directed them not to close the Lodge that evening, but to adjourn, and have their Report in readiness, and I would come over on the next Tuesday evening and install their officers—as my engagements were such that I could not come before. They accordingly adjourned. I directed them thus as I knew of no other way to surmount the difficulty into which they had thrown themselves. Was I right in doing thus? if so I am thankful; for I was at a stand what to do under these circumstances.

All the Lodges under my jurisdiction appear to be in a healthy and prosperous condition with the exception of Tisquantum. The rejection of their By-Law, by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, did not produce the effect I earnestly hoped it would; or what I anticipated. Those who were the most strenuous for its adoption, manifested a disposition previous to the action of the Grand Lodge to abide its decision. But since then this manifestation has departed, and hostility to that decision has taken its place. I have labored both in my official capacity and as a member of this Lodge to bring about a better state of feeling, and in some measure I have been successful. I trust that in due time harmony will be attained as the benign and peaceful influences of Odd Fellowship dissipates the gloom of selfish passions and unbridled will. Worthy sir, I am fully satisfied that our Grand Lodge must take some steps to introduce a better spirit into our subordinates, as they are termed, or they will become in-subordinate, and disunion will be the inevitable result. I would suggest the propriety of introducing libraries, and lectures in our Lodges, in order to busy their members, so that the time which is now spent in frivolous discussion, may be more profitably engaged. I am confident that as a body we need moral and intellectual culture, in order to insure our perpetuity. The interest in our Order will expire as our numbers cease to increase; therefore something must be done and that speedily, or dissensions and strife will multiply. This spirit is already too prevalent in our midst. Therefore I hope something will be done to modify

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its influence, at least at our next session. I herewith transmit a copy of resolutions which I shall propose with some slight amendments, at our next session, if you deem it advisable. Please to consider the matter, and give me your better judgment in regard thereto, for if I heartily desire one thing above all others it is to see our beloved Order the personification of PEACE and PURITY. God grant that I may live to see this prayer realized. I know not but I am assuming too much to thus point out, what I consider our wants in this respect; but when I reflect that it is from these sectional wants that your Report is to be made up, I am confident that all apparent assumptions will be overlooked by my worthy brother, and attributed to over zeal, probably, for the good of our Order. For I assure you that it is from the abundance of my heart that this epistle emanates. For when my eye wanders over the vast territory occupied by Odd Fellowship, and contemplates the thousands that have encircled themselves within our links, that they might thus be instrumental in providing an asylum for their surviving partners, and a bequest for their fatherless children—I ask myself shall their fond anticipations be blasted ; shall this cup of consolation be dashed in fragments from their embrace? Echo answers, God forbid it ! And let us, brother, by our influence and untiring devotion, yet be instrumental in redeeming our Order from its present exigencies, and bringing it forth in its pristine beauty and loveliness.

Respectfully yours in F. L. & T.

B. H. DAVIS, D. D. G. M.

N. A. Thompson, Esq, R. W. G. M. of the M. W. G. L. of Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, JULY 31st, 1846.

DEAR SIR :—In conformity with my duty I beg leave to report, that I have attended to the duty of installing the officers of all the Lodges in this District for the current term, viz., Hampden, No. 27; St. John's, No. 62; and Woronoco, No. 74; and have forwarded to the Grand Secretary their several Quarterly Reports for the term ending June 30th, 1846. The Chicopee Lodge, No. 115, was instituted during the last half of the term, and consequently their officers hold over and no Report is due from them to the Grand Lodge. I would state here that I have visited that Lodge two or three times since its Institution, and find that they are adding to their numbers many men who will be a benefit to the Order and will help to place their own Lodge on a safe and sure foundation.

At the request of the Grand Secretary I have also attended to the installation of the officers of Nazarene Lodge, No. 13, and Wachusett Lodge, No. 73, Past Grand Mitchell of Hampden Lodge, acting for me in the performance of this duty. These Lodges were under the care of D. D. G. M. Ansel Phelps, Jr., who has removed from his former place of residence in Ware Village. The Quarterly Reports of these Lodges have also been sent to the Grand Secretary.

I take great pleasure in saying that the Lodges in this District are in a sound and healthy condition, having no matter of dispute that is likely to disturb the peace and harmony of the Order, either within the different Lodges or between any one Lodge and another. They are well conditioned also in regard to funds; being abundantly able to take care of their sick and distressed brethren.

I congratulate you, sir, and the Grand Lodge, on the progress the Order has made during your administration, throughout the State, and particularly in this vicinity. It is but a little more than two years, since *you* instituted the first Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in the valley of the Connecticut River. Since then eight new Lodges have either directly or indirectly sprang from that Lodge, (Hampden, No. 27), and I believe there is no place in the Union where the beneficent effects of the Order are more deeply felt or more highly appreciated than in this region. That Lodge now numbers I believe 212 contributing members, most of which seem to feel the same interest in their Institution, as they did when they were young members.

Respectfully your obedient servant in F. L. & T.

ADDISON WARE, D. D. G. M.

To the M. W. G. Master of the G. L. of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

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To the M. W. G. Master of the State of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

On the first week in July I visited Nonotuck Lodge and installed the following Officers—S. S. Wells, N. G.; A. S. Peck, V. G.; M. G. Maise, Secretary; J. Beals, Jr., Treasurer; E. A. Damon, Per. Secretary.

On the Tuesday following I installed the following Officers in Pocomptuck Lodge:—Wm. Keith, N. G.; P. P. Severance, V. G.; S. H. Shirley, Secretary; G. B. Alverson, Treasurer.

On the Thursday following, I installed the following Officers in Adelphic Lodge:—J. N. McGee, N. G.; J. J. Crandall, V. G.; H. B. Miller, Secretary; A. C. Deane, Per. Secretary; S. W. Gleason, Treasurer.

I take great pleasure in expressing my satisfaction with the manner in which the work of the order is carried out in the above Lodges, and the harmony and good feeling which is exhibited in them. Many and frequent during the last term have been the instances where the blessed influences of our beloved Order have been felt, both within and without its borders. And it is a source of congratulation to every good Odd Fellow that its course was never more strikingly and triumphantly marked than at the present time.

I am your obedient servant,

W. T. DAVIS.

SPRINGFIELD, JULY 16th, 1746.

DEAR BROTHER :—I send you this day the Quarterly Returns and fees of the Berkshire Lodge, No. 57, and Oneco Lodge, No. 100. I have installed the Officers myself, and am happy to inform you that they are in a very healthy and flourishing condition as will be seen by their returns. The members of these Lodges consist of the first class of citizens, and they feel an uncommonly lively interest for the good of our beloved Order. I think I have never seen a better regulated, or finer conducted Lodge, than the Oneco at North Adams. Their members are fine noble hearted gentlemen, such as would do honor to any association. The Order generally in Western Massachusetts is flourishing nobly; the increase of members is great; and much is doing to place Odd Fellowship upon as solid a basis as any institution in the world. May God prosper us.

Yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES M. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M.

To Br. Wm. H. Jones, Grand Secretary, Boston.

SALEM, JULY 23d, 1846.

M. A. Thompson, Esq, G. M. of G. L. of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The Lodges comprised in the 32d District have been installed—Ocean, No. 91, July 2d; Atlantic, No. 55, July 1st; Essex, No. 26, July 6th; Bay State, No. 40, July 7th; Holten, No. 104, July 14th. The different Lodges have done but little work the last quarter, the whole amount received for percentage due Grand Lodge, being about $26,00. There is nothing requiring particular notice in the condition of any of the Lodges at the present time. I believe that they are all in good condition, and that peace and harmony prevail amongst them. Ocean Lodge has not increased in numbers, as I anticipated they would have done owing to an unhappy feeling that existed at the commencement, in relation to the Rev. Mr. Smith, and also owing to the condition of their finances, they having spent all their funds to fit up their hall ; but I think that in the Fall or Winter terms, they may by an increase of numbers be relieved from their embarrassment.

There is some desire of forming another Lodge in this city; Essex Lodge has now 260 members, and some of the first members think of asking their cards for that purpose. Have the Board of Grand Officers at the present time authority to grant a dispensation during the Recess ? or must it be done at the next session of the Grand Lodge ?

I hardly think that we shall be ready at the next session, but the November session will be too late. Is there not a precedent in giving the Grand Officers authority to grant a dispensation for a specific purpose by a special vote ?

Respectfully yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES KIMBALL, D. D. G. M. of 32d District.

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To the Most Worthy Grand Master.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In conformity with my duty, I send you my report for the quarter ending July 31, 1846. Thursday evening, July 2d, I installed the officers of Quascacunquen Lodge, No. 39, as follows:—John Coombs, N. G.; Samuel B. Gilman, V. G.; D. D. Ackerman, Secretary; Enoch Gerrish, Treasurer; Alfred W. Lord, Per. Secretary.

Monday evening, July 6th, installed the officers of Agawam Lodge, No. 52, as follows:—Isaac Osgood, N. G.; J. A. Newman, V. G.; John Kimball, 3d, Secretary; John Wade, Treasurer.

Tuesday evening, July 7th, installed the officers of Powow River Lodge, No. 90, viz.:—J. R. Chesswell, N. G.; Isaac Gunnison, V. G.; John Rowell, Secretary; Wm. Pecker, Treasurer.

During the past quarter I have granted dispensations as follows:—To Quascacunquen Lodge, April 14th, to confer the five degrees on David R. Lecraw, and July 9th, to same Lodge, for the degrees to be conferred on Bro. Mullikin, going to sea. To Agawam Lodge, June 5th, for five degrees on Bro. Mitchell of Haverhill, and July 2d, to same, for same on Bro. Daniel Lord, good reasons being given for the same. In the Powow River Lodge there seems to be some feeling manifested among some of the Initiates under the old work, because they cannot enjoy the privilege of voting for degrees; and they complain that as there is no law laid down in the Constitution of Subordinates forbidding them to vote, they should not be deprived of the privilege. I think, therefore, it will be well to have some vote passed that will set this matter at rest.

In Quascacunquen Lodge, some feeling has been manifested by one of the Past Grands, in relation to wearing a Past Grand's regalia in the Lodge Room; he contending that a Past Grand is out of order who attempts to speak except in Past Grand's regalia. You have already given your opinion that the Scarlet is the highest degree known to a Subordinate Lodge; consequently, all except the sitting Past Grand are considered in order when clothed in Scarlet regalia. This decision does not satisfy the Brother, and although a small matter, it may prevent future debate in Subordinate Lodges if the Grand Lodge pass some vote in relation to this matter.

I am happy to say that throughout the whole of my District the Lodges are at peace, and there has nothing happened during the last quarter to interrupt the peace and harmony of the brothers, if we except two cases of suspension. You will see by the quarterly reports of the Lodges, that they are gradually increasing in numbers, and I have no doubt, full as fast as will be for the good of the Order.

I cannot close this report without referring to one interesting fact in relation to Quascacunquen Lodge, No. 39, as I think it is one unparalleled in any other Lodge of the same age, and containing the same number of members. It is now two years and four months since it was first instituted, and it now numbers more than three hundred and twenty members; still, it has not lost a single brother by death, although a large number have been sick, and many have been brought to the very doors of death and have recovered. It speaks volumes for the attention of the brethren of this Lodge to their sick brothers; and some are found who assert that it is only owing to the unwearied attention of the brethren that they have lived. It is hoped that every Odd Fellow will feel it his greatest duty to carry out this principle of our beloved Order, and the world will soon be convinced that Odd Fellowship is a good thing.

Yours in F L. and T.

DEXTER DANA, D. D. G. M., District No. 33.

NANTUCKET, JULY 30th, 1846.

Newell A. Thompson, Esq., G. M.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The officers of Nantucket Lodge, No 66, have been installed in due form, and there has been no dispensations granted the last term.

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On account of our recent calamity, I have been unable to write before; you will therefore excuse my neglect. The Order is in a prosperous condition here.

Yours in F. L. & T.
WM. SUMMERHAYS, D. D. G. M.

BOSTON, JULY 14th, 1846.

Newell A. Thompson, Esq., M. W. G. Master.

SIR :—I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with your instructions I have visited Marine Lodge at Provincetown, No. 96, and installed their officers in regular form.

The officers installed are, Ebenezer S. Smith, N. G.; Jos. P. Johnson, V. G.; Sabin M. Smith, Rec. Secretary; Josiah S. Fuller, Per. Secretary; Stephen Hilliard, Treasurer.

I have the pleasure to inform you that Marine Lodge is in good condition, and the utmost harmony prevails.

I am most respectfully your obedient servant,
JOSIAH STURGIS, D. D. G. M.

To the M. W. G. Master of the R. W. G. L. of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

The Subscriber D. D. G. M. of District No. 36 would respectfully report—

That inasmuch as his District comprises but one Lodge, and that Lodge a new one, he can have little, if anything to communicate. He would, however, say that Stony Brook Lodge, No. 112, which constitutes his entire District, was instituted towards the last of the term which has just expired. He has visited the Lodge twice and was happy to find it in every respect in good condition; and the Grand Lodge may safely rest assured that the brothers of that Lodge will never do any act contrary to the true principles of the Order.

Respectfully submitted by yours in F., L. & T.,
ITHAMER W. BEARD.

Voted—That the M. W. G. Masters' communication be referred to a committe of three, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained, in such manner that they may be separately considered by this Grand Lodge.

Brothers, B. H. Davis, A. B. Plympton, and I. W. Beard, were appointed.

The committee on Credentials of Representatives submitted the following Report :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives, Report—

1st. That several Certificates are presented, which bear date subsequent to June 30, 1846. The Committee, in the absence of all evidence, cannot infer from the date alone, that the Representatives bearing these certificates were not elected in pursuance of the laws of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. The following Brothers presented certificates dated subsequent to June 30, 1846, and it appears by inspection of the Grand Lodge records that they filled the chair of N. G. for the term ending July 1, 1846. These were, in each instance, qualified P. G's in the Lodges to which they belonged, and the brothers presenting Certificates do not appear to have been elected to fill vacancies. Your Committee are of opinion that they are not entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge.

E. B. Whitman,	Nazarene Lodge,	No.	13	had	9	P. G's.
Geo. Richardson,	Fidelity	"	21	"	8	"
H. Luscom, Jr.,	Essex	"	26	"	8	"
W. A. Arnold,	Nonotuck	"	61	"	4	"

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J. S. Emerson,	Harmony	No. 68	had 3	P. G's.	
W. N. Ellis.	Weweantit	" 81	" 2	"	
C. E. Grover,	Ocean	" 91	" 1	"	
E. K. Lamson,	Powow River	" 90	" 1	"	
R. Shankland,	Blue Hill	" 93	" 1	"	

3d. One Certificate has been presented from Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, which attests the election of Anson Huntington. The P. G. elected is N. B. Favour, as the Committee have been informed, there being in the certificate a clerical error.

W. E. PARMENTER,
ITHAMER W. BEARD, } Committee.
SOLON JENKINS.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Voted, That the P. Grands, who were N. Grands in June, who have presented Certificates of their Election as Representatives from Lodges who had qualified Past Grands on the day of their last meeting in June, shall not be entitled to seats as Representatives in this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That P. G., N. B. Favour, whose case is referred to in the Report of the Committee on credentials of Representatives, be allowed to take his seat as Representative.

Voted, That the sitting N. Grands in June, who have been elected as Representatives from Lodges, whose P. Grands had declined being candidates for Representatives, or who had resigned after their election, shall be entitled to their seats as Representatives in this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Election and Returns, submitted the following Report which was accepted.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Elections and Returns report the following Lodges correct; viz.,—Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110.

The following are incorrect for causes assigned.

Nos. 34, 37, 44, 93. No date.

No. 87. Error in per centage, standing of members, and amount of receipts.

No. 68. Incorrect in whole number and standing of members.

No. 31. Incorrect in whole number, standing of members and per centage.

No. 42. Error in standing of members, per centage and degrees.

No. 60. Error in percentage, V. G's signature wanting.

Nos. 116, 111, 73, 26. Error in per centage.

Nos. 114, 89, 70, 55, 51, 48, 38, 29, 27. Error in standing of members.

Nos. 85, 19. Cannot examine. Last Report sent back for correction not returned.

No. 18. Error in amount of receipts, and error in per centage.

No. 17. Incorrect in amount of receipts, and standing of members withdrawn by Card not given.

No. 13. Incorrect in standing of members, and signature of N. G. wanting.

No. 5. Error in standing of members and per centage.

Nos. 4, 12, 28, 99, 107, 109. Incorrect. Sent back for correction and not returned.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. JONES,

Chairman, ex officio, of Committee of Elections and Returns.

BOSTON, AUG. 4th, 1846.

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A motion was made by Bro. Jenkins which was lost, that the R. W. G. Lodge hold an evening session at Washington Hall, South Boston.

Petition presented from brothers in West Stockbridge, county of Berkshire, for a Lodge to be located in that town, to be known and hailed as Marble Lodge, No. 117, and referred to Bros. Hilliard, Kimball and Crosby.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the M. W. G. Master, reported that they had divided the subjects therein contained, so that they might be considered separately by the Grand Lodge ; and recommended that a Committee of three be appointed upon each division.

The Report was accepted and the same Committee appointed to nominate the different Committees.

Communication received from A. Andrews, P. G. Warden ; read and ordered to be placed on file with papers relating to Adam Lodge.

The following memorial of Neponset Lodge, No. 84, was read, and referred to Bros. Parmenter and White.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

The Memorial of Neponset Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F. respectfully represents, that the interests of our Order in this jurisdiction appears to us to require an enlargement of the number of members requisite to a quorum in your Right Worthy Body. One of the axioms of our republican polity declares the residence of deliberative wisdom to be in the *multitude* of counsel. To this principle the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge fully responds by admitting one percentum of the whole body of our Order under her jurisdiction, to seats and votes in her councils.

That the integrity of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the rights of its constituents may remain unimpaired, we respectfully request that the subject of our present Memorial may be admitted to such a place in the deliberations of your R. W. Body as in your judgment it shall seem to merit.

In behalf of Neponset Lodge, No. 84, I. O. O. F., and in Friendship, Love and Truth.

PHILARMON RUGGLES,
EDWARD HOLDEN,
W. F. TEMPLE.
} Committee of Neponset Lodge.

Milton, Aug. 6, 1846.

The Committee appointed in the case of ******** reported.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Voted, To lay the Report on the table.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Brothers to be chartered as a Lodge, to be entitled Marble Lodge, No. 117, in West Stockbridge, have considered the subject, and satisfied themselves that five of the petitioners are duly qualified according to the requirements of the Constitution. They therefore respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

WM. HILLIARD.
LEANDER CROSBY.
JAMES KIMBALL.

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Voted, To accept the report of the Committee, and grant the Charter.

Communication received from Wm. Curtis, Esq., Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, inviting the members of this Grand Lodge, and of the Order throughout the State, to attend the dedication of a new Hall in the city of Philadelphia, on the 17th of September next ; was read and ordered on file.

On motion of Bro. Mullin, it was

Voted, That the use of the Grand Lodge Banner be tendered to the members of this Grand Lodge, and such other Brothers of the Order as may wish to attend the celebration.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to tender to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to the members of the Committee, the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the invitation extended to them.

The following communication was read, and referred to the following committee : Bro's Lord, Rice, and Hills.

To the officers and members of the R. W. G. L. of the State of Massachusetts :

The undersigned members of Montezuma Lodge, No. 33, most respectfully represent that on the 22d of July, 1846, a brother was proposed, by card, for re-admission into Montezuma Lodge, which was referred to a committee for investigation. Said committee reported at the next regular meeting, recommending the re-admission of the brother, and upon motion, voted to accept the report and ballot for the candidate ; the result of said ballot was the rejection of the candidate.

Whereupon the chair requested the brothers who deposited the black balls, to give the cause for so doing. Three brothers complying with the request, and stated the cause to be immoral conduct. The chair inquired if those immoralities were committed before or since the granting of the card of clearance. One brother answered that they were committed before and since ; one said they were committed before, and one declined answering.

Whereupon the chair instructed the Secretary to send no notice of rejection to other Lodges, as the cause was not a constitutional one, on the ground that it was unconstitutional to present any thing against the brother which happened prior to the date of his card.

And whereas, an appeal was taken from the decision of the chair to the Lodge, and the Lodge did sustain the chair in its decision :

And whereas, the undersigned members of Montezuma Lodge, after a thorough and careful investigation of the Constitution and By-Laws of Montezuma Lodge, also the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, do believe the cause to be a valid and constitutional one, and that notice should be sent to other Lodges :

We, the undersigned members of Montezuma Lodge, do therefore most respectfully appeal from the decision of Montezuma Lodge, to this Grand Lodge for your impartial decision as to the constitutionality of the cause, and the correctness of the ruling of the chair in regard to sending the notices of rejection to other Lodges.

Most respectfully yours, in F. L. & T.

Signed,

GEO. D. MARSH,
GEO. F. HITCHCOCK,
SANFORD C. GARDNER.
JOHN GOLDTHWAIT,
CHARLES A. VINTON,
WM. W. BRAGG.

Boston, July 29th, 1846.

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To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

The subscribers, a Committee of your body, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. G. Master, beg leave to report :—

1st. That so much of said Report as relates to the introduction of exciting topics into Lodge rooms, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

J. M. Durgin, E. D. Tisdale and D. S. King.

2d. That so much of said Report as relates to Groton Lodge, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

E. A. Rice, H. Prince and H. O'Brien.

3d. That so much of said Report as relates to the election of Representatives, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

Parmenter, Hilliard and Beard.

4th. That so much of said Report as refers to the establishment of Libraries, of Lectures, &c., in subordinate Lodges, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

B. H. Davis, S. Wells and E. Francis.

5th. That so much of said Report as relates to the election of brothers to Degrees, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

H. Lord, Drew and Burgess.

6th. That so much of said Report as relates to the duty of Past Grands, in relation to wearing Grand Lodge Regalias in subordinate Lodges, and the admission of members from out of the State, without the travelling pass-word, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

North, Barr and Landers.

7th. That so much of said Report as relates to the resolutions of Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

M. S. Newell, B. Reynolds and Wm. T. Grammar.

8th. That so much of said Report as relates to the By-Laws of Adelphic and Mattakesett Lodges, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

Clark, Harris and Barr.

9th. That so much of said Report as relates to the time when D. D. G. Master's shall return the Reports of subordinates to the Grand Secretary, be referred to a Committee of three, viz :—

E. J. Titcomb, J. Billings and Phelps.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. H. DAVIS,
I. W. BEARD,
A. B. PLIMPTON.

Voted, That the Report be accepted, and Committees appointed.

Voted, That the Rules of order be suspended for the purpose of nominating Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

On motion, the above vote was reconsidered. Br. Lord moved that the nomination of Grand Officers take place immediately after dinner, which motion prevailed.

On motion, it was

Voted, That Br. Albert Case, P. G. Master of the R. W. G. Lodge, of

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South Carolina, now a resident of this State, and member of one of the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, be considered a qualified member of this Grand Lodge, according to the provision of its Constitution, Article 2d, Clause 1st.

On motion of Br. Parmenter, it was

Voted, That the O. G. be directed to prepare Ballot Boxes for the votes for each Grand Officer.

The Committee on the communication from the Brothers of Montezuma Lodge submitted the following Report, which was ordered to be laid on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brothers of Montezuma Lodge, beg leave to report, That they believe the decision of the N. G. of Montezuma Lodge to be wrong, and would recommend that the decision be reversed.

H. LORD.
E. A. RICE.
P. K. HILLS.

A communication was received from J. O. Parker asking for relief for Asa Davis, an ancient Odd Fellow. Read, and referred to Brothers Mullin, S. Wells and McClellan.

A communication was received from Beacon Lodge, No. 15, Washington, D. C., notifying this Grand Lodge of the expulsion of the Rev. A. A. Muller, for "Seduction." Read, and ordered on file.

The time of adjournment having arrived, at 1 o'clock, P. M. the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Two and a half o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order.

On motion, it was—

Voted, That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend the Ballot Boxes during the nomination of Candidates for Grand Officers.

The M. W. G. M. appointed Brs. Barr, McClellan and C. H. White.

On motion, Br. D. Ayers was added to the Committee.

On motion of Br. Jones, it was

Voted, That the Ballot Boxes be kept open for one hour.

Communications from Bunker Hill Lodge, No. 14, and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 78, with Resolutions accompanying, in relation to the Circular from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, were read.

On motion, it was—

Voted, To refer them together with the following, relating to the same sub-

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ject, from Howard Lodge, No. 22, Mt. Roulstone, No. 98, and Warren, No. 18, to a Committee of five, and the following Brothers were appointed :—

Mullin, Hills, Ware, Kimball and Worth.

I. O. of O. F.
BUNKER HILL LODGE, No. 14.
Charlestown, July 13, 1846.

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully beg leave to present the following

REPORT.

We have carefully examined the subject of said communication and find that the design of the authors is, to introduce into our Lodges a subject which, in the opinion of your Committee, is in direct opposition to the general regulations and spirit of our Order; and if persisted in we believe will tend greatly to derange the existing harmony, if not ultimately and totally destroy its permanency.

Your Committee are fully convinced that the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of the Order, contain ample safeguards against the immorality of Brethren, or those who may apply for admission ; and that to incorporate into the By-Laws of any Lodge, an article of such a nature as the one referred to in the communication, would not only be highly improper and unnecessary, but in the opinion of your Committee a manifest breach of the General Regulations.—We therefore view with unfeigned regret, the attempt recently made by Tisquantum Lodge, and sustained and justified by Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, to adopt a By-Law so pernicious in its tendencies, and so manifestly opposed to the true spirit and regulations of our Order.

The regulations, (which, every brother has pledged himself to sustain and abide by,) expressly forbid the introduction into our Lodges, of any Political, Religious, Sectarian, or other improper questions. Your Committee consider the subject of Temperance a Sectarian question, and being fully aware that strenuous efforts and means are in active operation to make it a political one, we feel confident that it must be obvious to every Brother that it is a subject that ought not, and cannot legitimately come before a Lodge of Odd Fellows. In regard to the decision of the Board of Grand Officers alluded to in said communication, your Committee would say, that it meets with their entire approbation and hearty concurrence ; believing as we do that it was in perfect accordance with the existing regulations ; and like all other decisions of that Board, was prompted by a sense of duty, and a desire to promote the harmony, advance the true interests, and maintain inviolate, the regulations and permanency of our Order.

In conclusion, we would recommend *all Brothers* who desire to advance the Temperance cause, to unite themselves with some one of the many associations which are organized expressly for that purpose ; but that we consider it a manifest want of fidelity to the principles and general usages of our Order on the part of any Lodge, to allow the discussion or consideration of the subject of Temperance within its walls.

Signed, HENRY A. RICE, FRANCIS H. JOY, J. W. WHITTEN, } Committee.

Voted, unanimously, to accept the Report, and that a copy of the same be sent to Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, and that the communication be returned to them, and that a copy of the Report be sent to the Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State.

Attest, ENOCH J. TITCOMB, *Secretary*.

Bunker Hill Lodge, Charlestown, July 13, 1846.

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I. O. of O. F.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 78, I. O. of O. F.
Charlestown, July 14, 1846.

To the Officers of the R. W. G. L., I. O. O. F. of the State of Massachusetts.

BROTHERS:—At a meeting of our Lodge this evening, it was unanimously voted, that the annexed letter and resolutions be adopted as a reply, on our part, to the communication recently addressed to us and the Order generally by the Brothers of Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, and that the same be printed, and a copy thereof be sent to each of the Lodges in this State.

In the hope that the view here taken by us of this subject will commend itself to the candor of our brethren generally, and that it may be the means of awakening a firm and united resistance to any attempted encroachment upon the principles of the Order,

We are yours in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth,

ELBRIDGE BROWN, *N. G.*

WM. W. WHEILDON, *Secretary.*

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Brothers of Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, *and Veritas Lodge, No.* 49, *I. O. of O. F.*

BROTHERS:—We have carefully considered the subject alluded to in your communication of the 24th ult., and in the spirit of kindness and candor which our obligations enjoin, we transmit to you the following reply.

We regret that you have seen fit to continue the agitation of a subject from which, if persevered in, we apprehend none but unhappy results to our Institution.

Fully appreciating and justifying the course pursued by the G. M., under the direction of the Grand Officers, in relation to the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge, and entirely sustaining the views adopted by the Committee of the G. L., who reported upon their memorial, and the decision of that body thereon; we sincerely deprecate any further discussion of this unprofitable question.

The fundamental principles of our Order, are, in the words of one of our charges, "*friendship and love*," "pledging the kindest of offices, sealed alone in honor and affection," and all subjects which have a tendeney to promote "strife and discord," "heart-burnings and divisions among men," are prohibited by our laws from our councils.

If we admit discussions upon Temperance, we may, with equal propriety, issue protests against Slavery and other kindred wrongs, till our Lodge rooms become the theatres of so-called philanthropic efforts, which, in their tendency to promote scenes of discord and strife, will be as fatal to the interests, as they are foreign to the purposes of our Institution.

If the traffic of intoxicating drink is an immorality affecting the reputation of him who is engaged in it, then the requirement of our law, which declares that every candidate offered for admission, shall be a person of good moral character, is sufficient guard for our protection; if it is not immoral, then we have no right to provide, by law, for the rejection of a candidate for that cause,—the existing provision of the law referred to, covers, as we think, the whole ground, and as well might we insert a whole catalogue of crimes and irregularities, as to single out this particular one for our disapprobation.

Besides, if this is a crime, a more sure and efficient remedy is at all times ready to our hands, and three faithful brothers, may, at any time, save their Lodge from disgrace, by applying their unquestioned negative to the application of any one whom they honestly and conscientiously believe to be addicted to immoral practices.

As friends of temperance and of all salutary reform, we deeply regret the injudicious means resorted to by certain reformers, for the promotion of their favorite object, by pressing its claims upon all and every occasion, whether appropriate or not. We regret that they do not pursue their schemes for the common good, with the same judgment and good sense, which men exercise in their plans of business and interest. Who among us would expect to promote

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his individual wealth and prosperity, by attempting to make every institution of which he may be a member the means, and every religious, political or social gathering he may attend, the occasion, of endeavoring to obtain the support of his fellow-citizens in his trade or profession? Why then continually press, in season and out of season, the claims of any particular reform? Why sink every other consideration in an obstinate effort to urge upon each and all a prominent part in any particular duty, to the exclusion or injury of others equally important? Why not let Odd Fellows, as such, in the true spirit of their principles, devote their attention to charity and love, and the cultivation of kindly affections and fraternal regard, preserving a careful guard over their members, by enforcing a strict observance of general rules of morality, and leaving to other institutions, formed for that especial purpose, the duty of rebuking and eradicating particular sins.

We have been thus lengthy and perhaps tedious in our reply, because we wish to convey to you, in all kindness and sincerity, our reasons for the opinion, that, in regard to this subject, you are pursuing a course which is prejudicial to the harmony, and detrimental to the best interests of our beloved Order.

We therefore respectfully subjoin the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the introduction, into the By-Laws of our Lodges, of any articles relating to temperance or other philanthropic reforms, in addition to those which already enjoin upon us, a strict adherence to morality and a faithful performance of our duties to ourselves and others, will, in our opinion, be prejudicial to the best interests of our Institution.

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. G. M., and the decision of the G. L., upon this subject, meets with our most unqualified approbation, and a perseverance by them, in the same prudent and just determination will receive our hearty support.

In conclusion, we do earnestly hope, that the day is far distant, when that beautiful and saving feature in our Institution, which, by restricting its members to those common attachments that alone have the power to unite men of every nation, sect and party in one great brotherhood of "friendship, love and truth," is so effectual to efface the prejudices and dislikes which the the various interests and discussions of every day life have a tendency to promote, shall be destroyed, by the introduction of those very subjects which a just regard to our principles and duties should teach us carefully to avoid.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

ELBRIDGE BROWN, *N. G.*

Attest: WM. W. WHEILDON, *Secretary.*

Charlestown, July 14, 1846.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—

In compliance with a resolution below, adopted by Howard Lodge, No. 22, I. O. of O. F., I transmit to you a copy of Resolutions adopted by that Lodge, upon the receipt of a Circular from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, asking the co-operation of Howard Lodge in procuring a reversion of the decision made by the Board of Grand Officers in the case of Tisquantum Lodge. The Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this Lodge deprecates at all times, and under all circumstances, the introduction into the discussions of Odd Fellowship, of any questions which are not strictly and legitimately within its province, and more especially do we deprecate the attempt now being made by Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, to introduce anew the discussion of the Temperance question, believing that it is ill-timed, out of place, and fraught with evil results to the best interests of the Order. We cannot, therefore, but express our unqualified disapprobation of the Resolutions adopted by the above Lodges, and our entire unwillingness to lend our aid or countenance in any manner to the furtherance of the objects they propose. Nor can we see the propriety of taking up and

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considering a decision made by the Board of Grand Officers, as the Grand Lodge itself has acted upon and sustained it by a very decisive vote, taken by representation.

Resolved, That we deem it neither just nor right that any Lodge should be privileged to introduce into its By-Laws any article which may conflict with the true spirit and objects of the institution, for, as it is designed to unite within its borders men of all nations, sects, and parties, it seems to be proper that in the formation of the laws by which they are to be governed, care should be had to secure as much uniformity as possible.

Resolved, That in our opinion, if the brethren of the Order faithfully perform their duties as Odd Fellows in attending upon the sick, relieving the distressed, and the various other duties which are especially enjoined upon them, and for which they have associated themselves, they will find that it will occupy as much of their time as can be conveniently applied in the service of the Order. And to those whose leisure or inclination may lead them to think otherwise, we would respectfully recommend, as expressive of our views upon the subject, the sentiment contained in a Report adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last session, viz :—"and would therefore recommend that all who think the Temperance cause can be better promoted by secret societies, give their labors to such institutions as make Temperance the principal foundation."

Resolved, That the course pursued by the Grand Master, and the action had thereon by the Grand Lodge, meets with our entire approbation, and we request our Representatives in the Grand Lodge to carry out the principles of the above Resolutions.

Resolved, That a copy of the above Resolutions be sent to Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, and to the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Very respectfully in F. L. and T.

ROBERT B. EDES, Jr., *Secretary.*

Newell A. Thompson, Esq., G. Master G. L. of Mass.

I. O. OF O. F.

MOUNT ROULSTONE LODGE, Fitchburg, July 31, 1846.

To the Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At a meeting of this Lodge held on the 24th inst., the accompanying Report was read and unanimously accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with that vote, I herewith send you a copy, to be by you laid before that body during the next session.

Yours, in F. L. and T.

CHARLES FESSENDEN, *Secretary.*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Circular of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, of Lowell, bearing their dissent from the decision of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in the case of Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, of Milford, beg leave to say, that they have given the subject, with all the attendant circumstances, a careful consideration, and respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

It appears that the Grand Lodge, at their session in February, passed a resolution requiring all subordinates to submit *forthwith* to the Board of Grand Officers a copy of their By-Laws, in order that such portions thereof as might be found contrary to the Constitution and General Laws of the Order, might be expunged.

Amongst the few sent in accordance with this requisition, was a revised copy of the By-Laws of the Tisquantum Lodge, one article in which being deemed, by the unanimous opinion of the Board of Grand Officers, as contrary to the true spirit and principles of Odd Fellowship, was expunged. The article thus stricken out is as follows :

"No person shall be admitted as a member of this Lodge, who traffics in intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and any brother who is, or may be, engaged

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in said traffic, and shall continue therein for more than four weeks after being notified by a Committee from this Lodge, shall be suspended, or expelled, as the Lodge may determine."

No public demonstration of dissatisfaction was made at this decision, until the May session of the Grand Lodge, at which a petition was presented from Tisquantum Lodge, praying that, inasmuch as the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, [See Sect. 2d, Art 6th,] permits them to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in any wise controvert any part of the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order, and failing to discover in the Article in question, anything thus opposed, *that* they might be allowed to reinsert it, as one of their By-Laws.

This petition was referred to a Committee of three, who reported in favor of the action of the Board of Grand Officers, in striking out said By-Law, and against the request of the Petitioners, which Report, in Grand Lodge, a division being called for, was accepted by a vote of 72 Ayes to 17 Nays.

And here the matter rests between the Board of Grand Officers and the Tisquantum Lodge. But the Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, and the Veritas Lodge, No. 49, both of Lowell, have taken the matter up, and expressed their dissent from the decision of the Grand Officers, in the following resolutions, copies of which they voted should be sent to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and to all the subordinate Lodges of this State :

"*Resolved*, That the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges do not deem the Article which was inserted in the By-Laws of the Tisquantum Lodge, as in any way conflicting with the Constitution and General Laws, or the true spirit and principles of Odd Fellowship. Therefore we most respectfully dissent from the decision of the Board of Grand Officers in expunging the said article from their By-Laws.

"And, also, we think it no more than just and right, that each Lodge should have the privilege of passing a By-Law respecting this subject, to prevent the evils of intemperance being entailed upon us with impunity.

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives be, and are hereby instructed to press this matter upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and use their influence to cause a reversal of the decision of the Board of Grand Officers."

Your Committee cannot but regard the course of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, as extraordinary in its character, and injurious in its tendency. Extraordinary, inasmuch as the matter has been acted upon in the Grand Lodge, and the decision of the Grand Officers has received the sanction of that body by the *strong* expression of 72 to 17, a vote of four-fifths. Ought our brethren of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges to expect to obtain a reversal of a decision established with such a degree of unanimity as this?

Injurious, inasmuch as its tendency is, to cause a disaffection at all future decisions of our Grand Officers, many of which, upon disputed points, must run counter to some darling project of over-zealous brethren, which being thus arrested by a decision of the Board of Grand Officers against them, the example of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges will be followed, to get a reversal by the Grand Lodge. Should our brethren be successful in this attempt, now making, the great evil feared by your Committee, is the frequency with which it will hereafter be resorted to, as *no* decision can be made that will give satisfaction to every one, and every opportunity, and all means will be taken, to get a reversal. This, together with the bad feelings that will be engendered by each succeeding attempt, cause your Committee to regret that our brethren of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges felt impelled to take the course they have, and, by so doing, setting so pernicious an example.

We come now to consider the Resolutions of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges. The first, and only one of importance, is as follows :

Resolved, That these Lodges do not deem the article which was inserted in the By-Laws of the Tisquantum Lodge, as in any way conflicting with the Constitution and General Laws, or the true spirit and principles of Odd Fellowship. Therefore, we most respectfully dissent from the decision of the Board of Grand Officers in expunging the said article from their By-Laws.

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"And, also, we think it no more than just and right, that each Lodge should have the privilege of adopting a By-Law respecting this subject, to prevent the evils of intemperance being entailed upon them with impunity."

Your Committee agree with the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, that the article in question does *not* conflict with the Constitution, or any existing general laws of the Order, that they can discover, and the question then arises; Is it in opposition to the true spirit and principles of Odd Fellowship? And here, let us say, that no Lodge has a right, by the 2nd Section of the 6th Article of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, (as every brother can see for himself,) to adopt *any* by-law, that in *any* way conflicts, not only with the articles immediately preceding, or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, *but* also, with the principles of the Order.

And now we repeat the question: Is the spirit of the article desired by our brethren of Tisquantum Lodge to be introduced into their By-Laws, in contravention to the principles of Odd Fellowship? In reply to this question, your Committee feel constrained, unhesitatingly and decidedly, to give an affirmative answer.

Since our acquaintance with Odd Fellowship, we have dwelt with much pride, as well as pleasure, upon its many beautiful features, but most particularly upon its character of universality; of its rising above mere local questions, religious, social and political, and presenting a platform, broad enough, not only for our whole country, but for the entire world to meet and stand as brothers. Where the citizen of the South is taught to meet the citizen of the North as his brother, and the citizen of the North finds himself received in the open arms of friendship at the South; where the Odd Fellow from the East feels the cordial grasp of fraternity from his brother of the West, and he of the West, is alike cared for by his brother of the East; where a member of the Order, from whatsoever quarter of the globe he may come, or wherever he may go, finds himself no longer a stranger in a strange land, but surrounded by brothers and friends; and all this, without the *least* reference to views he may happen to entertain upon any religious or secular question.

Such, your Committee are happy to say, is Odd Fellowship, as it now presents itself to the world; such, it is their desire, that it may ever be; but such, we fear, it will not continue to be, unless it stands, as it ever has done, above and beyond the elements of discord and strife, engendered in communities by reason of existing dissimilarity of opinions and views upon religious, social, and political subjects.

Friendship, love, and truth, is the triple chain that binds our Order together. Faith, Hope, and Charity, Temperance, Justice and Patience are coworkers in this great and glorious cause. Around these all can join, and there can exist but one sentiment, one opinion, as to the ennobling effect of being drawn together within the influence of such principles; but with reference to political or reform questions of any kind, there is, there will be, *must* be, a division of feeling, thought, and sentiment, as to the best course to be pursued, amongst those equally honest.

And again; different sections of our widely extended country regard with very different feelings the same subject. To illustrate; At the sunny South, blood only can efface the stain cast upon honor, and it is no less true, than lamentable, that the mark of disgrace is forever placed upon him, who hesitates, at such a time, to satisfy wounded honor by blood. But how, let us ask, is the duelist regarded at the North and West? The answer scarcely need be given; with abhorrence mingled with contempt. And thus, between different sections of our country, a difference of feeling exists, upon almost every subject that could be named, though, perhaps, not to the extent of the one alluded to.

Even intemperance, that scourge of the human race, that leveller of all distinctions in society—so admitted to be by all—is at certain parts of our country, allowed a freer scope of thought and action, than at others. In Massachusetts, and in New England generally, legislation has interfered to a certain extent, in the sale of alcoholic drinks in certain quantities, by municipal regulations, and has stamped the offender of these regulations, as a criminal; but it is not so in most of the other States in our Union. There, traffic in alcoholic drinks is as legitimate, and in many instances, as respectable a business as any other.

Odd Fellowship is the same, wherever we find it. In either hemisphere of

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our world, in either section of our hemisphere, at the North, or the South, at the East or West, everywhere, the same great principles sustain it, the same triple chain binds the brothers of the Order together.

Now, in view of all this, is it expedient, for the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges in the several States, to allow the Subordinate Lodges within their jurisdiction to incorporate into their By-Laws, orthodoxy of sentiment upon secular questions of reform, as the standard of admission? Where will be the end? If Tisquantum Lodge should succeed in this their desire, another Lodge may wish to take a higher ground upon this same subject. We repeat the question, where will be its end? Will not Odd Fellowship lose one of its most beautiful features, universality? Should we not find Odd Fellowship one thing *here* and another *there?* a Lodge *here*, where total abstinence would be the pass-word, and *there*, a Lodge where a "little for the stomach's sake," would not only be allowed, but its use commended; and this for the reason, that one extreme begets another.

Odd Fellowship has thus far kept itself free from entangling alliances with any other clan or party of individuals. It has moved along steadily and harmoniously, casting its heaven-born influences upon all those who have entered within its pale. Admirably is it working out its ends; triumphantly is it answering the expectations of its many and increasing friends.

Brothers, the purity of Odd Fellowship must be preserved to ensure its perpetuity. Ally it with the religious disputes of the day; bring it under the corrupt influences of partisan efforts of moral reformers; allow the turpid waters of political strife to mingle with the heavenly, peace-loving principles of the Order, and its days are numbered.

But your Committee feel that they need not advance farther argument to sustain the position they have taken.

They cannot recommend to Mt. Roulstone Lodge to respond to the call of the Oberlin and Veritas Lodges in rendering assistance to obtain a reversal of said decision; and in recommending issue to be taken with our brethren of these Lodges, we do it in a spirit of fraternal kindness, with the permanent good of our beloved Order at heart, and, also, with a full conviction of the great importance of aiding, with all proper means, and at all proper times and places, the temperance reformation, now successfully going forward.

Your Committee profess to be temperance men. They rejoice in the success of that great cause, and are willing to answer drafts for aid to help it onward, until it shall sweep intemperance from the face of the earth. But they too are Odd Fellows, and they love this institution *too* well to be willing to jeopardize its harmony, prosperity, or influence, by allying it with this, or any other association.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Lodge entertains a strong and abiding confidence in the principles and objects of Odd Fellowship, if rightly maintained, and properly directed.

Resolved, That this Lodge, although they cannot find that the article expunged by the board of Grand Officers from the By-Laws of the Tisquantum Lodge, conflicts with the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, or with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, yet they consider it as opposed to the true spirit and principles of the Order.

Resolved, That this Lodge entertains the belief, that by the second article of the sixth section of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, the Board of Grand Officers stand fully justified, in the action taken by them respecting said article, even without the express authority granted by a resolution passed at the February session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That our Representative be, and hereby is instructed, to oppose any attempt to reverse said decision of the Grand Officers, a decision which at the May session of the Grand Lodge received the sanction of that body, by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. B. TOWNE,
T. K. WARE,
N. STONE.

A true copy. Attest, CHARLES FREDENDEN, Secretary.

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WARREN HALL, ROXBURY, July 21, 1846.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted by Warren Lodge, this evening, by a unanimous vote; and directions were given the Secretary to forward a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge.

THOS. HILLER, *N. G.*

WM. CARLILE, *Secretary.*

Whereas, a communication has been received from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, of Lowell, containing a Preamble and Resolutions in relation to the action of the Grand Lodge, had at its last session, upon the introduction of the Temperance claim into the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge, in which Preamble and Resolutions there is a feeling of dissatisfaction exhibited at the measures taken by the Grand Lodge in relation thereto; and whereas, we feel it a duty to dissent from the views entertained by those Lodges—therefore, it is resolved by Warren Lodge, No. 18:

1st.—That the articles alluded to do conflict with the Constitution and general laws of the Order, and with the true principles of Odd Fellowship, and we do consider that a body acting under a charter derived from a representation of all subordinates, is bound by the votes and decisions of such representatives.

2d.—*Resolved*, That the introduction of any and every question of a nature calculated to produce discord and division among the brethren, shall be excluded from the pages of our Constitution and By-Laws, the walls of our Lodge, and from any agitation in the Lodge whatever.

3d.—*Resolved*, That each member of this Lodge will use every endeavor to perpetuate the harmony of the Order, and to check every disposition to nullify the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; as we consider that the history of the past should teach us to avoid the adoption of measures that will tend to create disunion in the Order.

The Committee appointed on the memorial of Neponset Lodge submitted the following Report which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Neponset Lodge, No. 82, report—

That this Lodge expresses an opinion that the *quorum* of this Grand Lodge should be enlarged beyond its present limited number.

Your Committee apprehend that there is a constitutional difficulty in the way; viz., that the Grand Lodge of the United States when it grants a charter for a Grand Lodge to seven petitioners, considers its faith pledged that so long as seven members of that Grand Lodge remain in the discharge of its appropriate functions the charter is unreclaimable, and the Grand Lodge is competent to act as such so long as seven members remain in attendance upon their duties. If it be otherwise the Committeee do not deem it expedient to alter at present the number necessary to constitute a quorum; and recommend that no action be had upon the subject.

WM. E. PARMENTER,
C. H. WHITE.

The following communication from Mount Roulstone Lodge, No. 98, was read and referred to Bros. Lord, Rand and Jacobs.

I. O. of O. F.

FITCHBURG, May 25, 1846.

RESPECTED BROTHER:—I wish for some information concerning a matter which has come up in our Lodge, and upon which I am not able to decide positively. The question of doubt is this: Has any Subordinate Lodge the right to distribute any of its funds *out* of the Lodge, or to persons *not* belonging to it?

Three weeks since, the Lodge *voted* to *refund* one half of the money paid by four persons from Winchester, N. H., for initiations and degrees, as soon

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as they should form a Lodge of their own. I wish to know whether that would be legal *without* a dispensation. There are different opinions now about the matter, and I respectfully request some instructions.

Yours in F., L. & L.,

O. L. HUNTLEY, *N. G.*

To N. A. Thompson. M. W. G. M.

P. G. Hilliard presented documents in relation to matters of grievance between P. G. Leach of Warren Lodge, and Bro. Dalrymple, of Oriental Lodge.

On motion, the subject of the papers submitted was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the question proposed by the N. G. of Mt. Roulstone Lodge, No. 98, submitted the following Report and decision :—

"That no Subordinate Lodge has the right to divide any of its funds among its members, or distribute them out of the Lodge to persons not belonging to it."

H. LORD,
C. RAND,
E. JACOBS.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the decision of Committee.

On motion it was—

Voted, That Grand Treasurer Prince retire to the Ante-Room and instruct the Brothers in waiting, in the G. L. Degrees.

The Committee on somuchof the M. W. G. Master's Report as relates to the time when the D. D. G. Masters shall return the reports of Subordinates to the Grand Secretary, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

The Committee, to whom was referred so much of the G. Master's Report as relates to the returns of D. D. G. Masters, beg leave to report :—

That in their opinion each D. D. G. M. should be required to make their quarterly returns to the Grand Secretary within two weeks after the Installation of the officers in their respective Lodges ; and if they fail so to do, they shall pay five dollars as prescribed by the Constitution of the G. Lodge, unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable circumstance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ENOCH J. TITCOMB,
THADDEUS PHELPS,
JOHN BILLINGS.

The Committee on Election and Returns, reported on the case of P. G. Grover, who was N. G. of Ocean Lodge at its last meeting in June : "That, as the P. Grands of his Lodge declined an election at the last meeting in June, (the time fixed by the Constitution,) and, as he was legally elected in July, and has presented his certificate, the Committee recommend that he be allowed to take his seat as Representative in this body."

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the recommendation.

The Committee on that part of the G. Master's Communication relating to Groton Lodge, submitted the following Report :—

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as referred to the Groton Lodge, Report—

From the evidence which came before your Committee, it appears that the members of Groton Lodge have not sufficient interest in the cause of Odd Fellowship to induce them to attend the regular meetings of their Lodge. And also, that they are not particular in enforcing the laws of the Order. Your Committee would therefore recommend, that the D. D. G. Master be instructed to wait upon Groton Lodge and require of them a satisfactory pledge for their future promptness and fidelity in the observance of the By-Laws and regulations of their Lodge, or notify them that they must surrender their Charter. Rsepectfully submitted.

E. A. RICE,
H. PRINCE,
H. O'BRIEN.

Voted, To accept the Report.

On motion, the Report was laid on the table to take the usual course in the order of business.

The Committee appointed upon Communications and Resolutions received from various Lodges relating to Circulars from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and on motion, referred to the Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication relating to the subject.

The Committee to whom were referred the communications from various Lodges relating to the subject of temperance elicited by the circulars of Oberlin and Veritas, would beg leave respectfully to report—

That as a Committee has already been appointed on the subject of these communications, noticed by the Grand Master in his Report, they are of opinion that the communications would be better disposed of if referred to that Committee ; they therefore request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the communications be referred to the Committee above named.

JOHN R. MULLIN,
A. WARE,
P. K. HILLS,
JAMES KIMBALL,
H. C. WORTH.

The Finance Committee submitted the following Report :—

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands May 7th, 1846,	$2833 58	
He has received from the Grand Secretary to August 4th, 1846, - - - - - - - - -	500 00	
		$3333 58
He has paid for contingent expenses for which he produces vouchers, - - - - - - -	226 67	
He has in his hands August 4th, 1846, - - -	3106 91	
		$3333 58
The Grand Secretary had in his hands May 6th, 1846,	38 57	
He has received to August 4th, 1846, - - -	788 55	
		$827 12
He has paid to the Grand Treasurer, - - - -	500 00	
He has paid for contingent expenses, - - -	199 77	
Balance August 4th, 1846, - - - - -	127 35	
		$827 12

These officers will present a detailed account of the condition of the funds and the particulars of expenditure.

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The Committee would state that the accounts of the Grand Treasurer are kept with neatness and accuracy.

The more complicated accounts of the Grand Secretary are kept systematically and accurately. A very thorough investigation enables the Committee to bear testimony to the ability and fidelity of that officer in the financial department of his duties.

The following amount is due from Lodges for percentage due for the term ending July 1, 1846 : $146 20.

Of this sum the greater portion will probably be forwarded through the members of the Grand Lodge at the present session.

The following Lodges must be considered as delinquent.

Covenant	Lodge,	No. 16,	dues for	Oct., 1845, Jan. and April, 1846,	$21 50
Warren	"	" 18,	"	April, '46,	13 10
Winnissimmet	"	" 24,	"	April, '46,	6 30
Bethesda	"	" 30,	"	January and April, '46	14 55
Lafayette	"	" 31,	"	April, '46,	4 95
Maverick	"	" 36,	"	April, '46,	8 20
Shawmut	"	" 37,	"	April, '46,	2 80
Pacifick	"	" 42,	"	April, '46,	11 90
Concord	"	" 50,	"	April, '46,	2 90
Hobah	"	" 53,	"	January and April, '46,	17 10
Shawsheene,	"	" 64,	"	April, '64,	2 20
Nantucket	"	" 66,	"	April, '64,	8 00
Massasoit	"	" 69,	"	April, '46,	3 40
Pilgrim	"	" 75,	"	October, '45,	18 25
Unity	"	" 77,	"	April, '46,	2 80
Mt. Wollaston	"	" 80,	"	Jan., '46,	16 90
Marlboro'	"	" 85,	"	Balance of April, '46,	3 90
Blue Hill	"	" 93,	"	April, '46,	8 60
				Total,	167 40
				Add to this amount due for July,	146 20
				Amount due Grand Lodge,	$313 60

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. PARMENTER,
GEO. ALEX. SMITH.

AUGUST 6th, 1846.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary had on hand, May 6th, 1846,	$ 38 57	
He has received for Charters,	120 00	
" " " Quarterly dues,	589 55	
" " " State and Visiting Cards,	79 00	
		$827 12
He has paid to the Grand Treasurer at sundry times as per receipts,	$500 00	
" " " His own Salary,	175 00	
" " " Expenses of Instituting Lodges,	14 50	
" " " Expenses pertaining to office,	10 27	
Balance on hand to new account,	127 35	
		$827 12
Dr. to balance on hand,		$127 35

[*E.E.*] WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

BOSTON, August 4, 1846.

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REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary at sundry times during the quarter ending August 6th,		$500 00
He has paid as per vouchers, - - - - - - -		226 67
Balance for quarter in Grand Treasurer's hands, - -		$273 33

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Cash in Treasurer's hands August 7, 1845, - - -		$ 3356 71
Cash received at sundry times from Aug. 7, 1845, to Aug. 6, 1846, - - - - - - - - - - -		3935 00
Nett Amount, - - -		$ 7291 71
He has paid during the year as per vouchers, - - -		4184 80
Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - -		$ 3106 91
Of which is invested at interest, - - - -	$1800 00	

H. PRINCE, *Grand Treasurer.*

BOSTON, AUGUST 5, 1846.

Voted, To accept the Reports.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Communication as relates to the election of brothers to Degrees, submitted the following Report :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. Master's Report as relates to the subject of Degrees, ask leave to report—

That the subject is provided for by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the Books of Degrees, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to append to the printed proceedings of this session, the instructions therein contained.

Respectfully submitted.

H. LORD,
J. L. DREW,
C. S. BURGESS.

Voted, To accept the Report and adopt the recommendation.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Bro. Davis, submitted the following Report which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from James O. Parker relative to Asa Davis, who is represented to be an Ancient Odd Fellow, and in distress, have considered the subject and would report—

That we consider it our duty as Odd Fellows to relieve as far as consistent, any case of distress that may come before us, but more especially that of an Odd Fellow.

Your Committee have no positive evidence at this time, that he is or ever has been an Odd Fellow, but are satisfied from the information they have received that such is the fact, and would therefore recommend that a collection be taken in this Grand Lodge at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the benefit of Bro. Davis, as an Ancient Odd Fellow.

J. R. MULLIN,
JOHN McCLELLAN.
SAML. WELLS.

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Bro. B. H. Davis from the Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's Communication which refers to Libraries, Lectures, &c., recommend the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, That each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall and is hereby directed to collect of each member not less than fifty cents per quarter as a due, for the purpose of establishing libraries and obtaining lecturers, for the mutual benefit of the members and their families.

Resolved, That the money thus raised be placed in the hands of five trustees elected for that purpose, to be expended by them for the above purposes as the Lodge may direct. The trustees to be elected as follows: one for eighteen months, who shall act as Chairman, and four to serve for one year, with this exception: at the first election, two shall be chosen for six months, and their successors for one year.

Resolved, That at least one third of the sum thus raised be expended for lecturers and the remainder for libraries; and that the wives of brothers in good standing, and their children who have attained the age of fourteen years, and the widows and orphans (of fourteen years of age) of deceased brothers—may be admitted to the above lectures, and none others; unless by a special vote of the Lodge. Unmarried brothers may be permitted to invite one lady.

Resolved, That the libraries thus collected shall be under such rules and regulations as the Lodge may determine for its interest to adopt; provided however, that they do not exclude such persons from participating in its benefits as are permitted by this Grand Lodge to enjoy the advantage of the lectures.

B. H. DAVIS.
SAMUEL WELLS.
EBEN. FRANCIS.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved, that the resolutions be adopted.

Voted, To lay the resolutions on the table.

The appeal of Bro. Daniel L. Richardson, suspended from Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, was read, and on motion, referred to Bros. Seaver, C. Rand, and Burgess.

The appeal of Bro. John W. Winter, expelled from Mutual Relief Lodge, No. 83, was read, and, on motion, referred to Bros. Hilliard, Richardson, and Edwin Brown.

Bro. Beard, from the Committee appointed by this Grand Lodge to try P. G. Ambrose and Bros. Gardner and Dalrymple, of Oriental Lodge, No. 10, on charges preferred against them by said Lodge, reported verbally,

"That the Committee had attended to their duty, and that the majority thereof had imposed the penalty of reprimand upon Bro. Gardner, and an apology from P. G. Ambrose and Bro. Dalrymple, in open Lodge, and that the Bros. had complied with the decision of the Committee, and had been reinstated in said Lodge."

On motion, the Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as relates to the By-Laws of Adelphic and Mattakesett Lodges, submitted the following Report, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted.

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To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts:

The Committee appointed to consider that portion of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, relating to the By-Laws of Adelphic Lodge, No. 109, and Mattakesett Lodge, No. 110, having attended to that duty, beg leave to submit the following recommendations. That so much of Section 10th, Article 9th, of the By-Laws of Adelphic Lodge, as relates to *visiters* be stricken out. Also, that section 12th of the same Article be amended by leaving out the words "*tobacco in any form.*"

The Committee also recommend that Sec. 1st., Article 1st., of the By-Laws of Mattakesett Lodge, be so amended as that its meetings be held weekly. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS,
JOHN R. CLARK,
THOS. BARR,
} Committee.

The communication and resolutions from Lowell Lodge, No. 95, relating to matters of grievance between the Lodge and brothers of Mechanics' and Veritas Lodges, which were presented at the May Session, and action thereon postponed until this session, were now taken up, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to superintend the balloting for Candidates for Grand Officers, submitted the following Report:

The whole number of votes for candidates for

GRAND MASTER are - - - - - - - - 108

Br. E. M. P. Wells, has -	79	Br. Wm. Hilliard, - - -	1
" Albert Guild, - - -	19	" D. H. Storer, - - -	1
" Wm. E. Parmenter, -	8		

And Brs. E. M. P. Wells, Albert Guild, and Wm. E. Parmenter, the three brothers having the highest number of ballots were declared candidates for the office of Grand Master.

The whole number of votes for candidates for

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER are - - - 96

Br. J. M. Usher, has - -	22	Br. J. S. Ladd, - - - -	1
" W. T. Davis, - - -	14	" D. H. Storer, - - -	1
" Wm. Ellison, - - -	12	" H. Lord, - - - - -	9
" Wm. E. Parmenter, -	9	" B. H. Davis, - - -	4
" A. Ware, - - - - -	4	" I. W. Beard, - - -	2
" Jas. Kimball, - - -	3	" J. Schouler, - - - -	2
" Wm. Hilliard, - - -	3	" T. H. Lord, - - - -	1
" A. Guild, - - - - -	2	" H. A. Hall, - - - -	1
" E. M. P. Wells, - -	1	" E. Seaver, - - - -	1
" C. C. Hayden, - - -	1	" C. H. White, - - -	1
" T. Barr, - - - - -	1	" W. H. Jones, - - -	1

And Brs. J. M. Usher, W. T. Davis, and Wm. Ellison were declared candidates for the office of Deputy Grand Master.

The whole number of votes for candidates for

GRAND WARDEN are - - - 66

Br. Samuel Wells, has - -	7	Br. D. Ayres, - - - -	1
" Wm. Ellison, - - -	4	" J. Schouler, - - - -	1
" B. H. Davis, - - -	4	" E. S. Stearns, - - -	2

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Br. G. W. Dike,	3	Br. A. Case,	1
" W. T. Davis,	2	" D. S. King,	1
" I. W. Beard,	3	" C. D. Strong,	1
" S. Nicholson,	3	" Wm. E. Parmenter,	1
" J. McClellan,	1	" J. M. Usher,	5
" J. R. Mullin,	5	" C. S. Burgess,	1
" H. Lord,	5	" W. L. North,	1
" H. Prince,	2	" H. C. Worth,	1
" W. H. Jones,	2	" E. A. Rice,	1
" P. K. Hills,	2	" E. M. P. Wells,	1
" J. McLeish,	2	" Wm. Tozer,	1
" C. H. White,	1	" J. C. Waldo,	1

And Brs. Samuel Wells, J. M. Usher, J. R. Mullin, and H. Lord, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Warden.

The whole number of votes for candidates for GRAND SECRETARY are - - - 101

Br. W. H. Jones, has	85	Br. E. Seaver,	3
" L. R. Paige,	2	" C. D. Strong,	2
" D. S. King,	1	" I. W. Beard,	1
" E. S. Stearns,	1	" Thomas Prince,	1
" R. Cole,	1	" H. Prince,	1
" Wm. E. Parmenter,	1	" S. K. Lathrop,	1
" G. C. Rand,	1		

Brs. L. R. Paige, and C. D. Strong having declined the nomination, Brs. Wm. H. Jones, E. Seaver, and the nine brothers who received one vote each, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Secretary.

The whole number of votes for candidates for GRAND TREASURER are - - - 80

Br. Hezh. Prince has	74	Br. H. Lord,	1
" D. S. King,	1	" J. C. Bartlett,	1
" C. G. Giles,	1	" B. Reynolds,	1
" J. M. Prince,	1		

And Br. Hezh. Prince, and the above Brothers who received one vote each, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer.

The whole number of votes for candidates for GRAND CHAPLAIN are - - - 58

Br. Eben Francis, has	20	Br. J. M. Usher,	6
" S. K. Lathrop,	6	" E. A. Rice,	5
" B. H. Davis,	4	" J. McLeish,	2
" D. S. King,	3	" Wm. Tozer,	1
" A. Case,	1	" W. E. Parmenter,	1
" P. K. Hills,	1	" J. M. Durgin,	1
" L. R. Paige,	1	" J. Francis,	1
" H. Prince,	1	" E. M. P. Wells,	1
" T. D. Cook,	1	" C. Robbins,	2

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And Brs. Eben. Francis, J. M. Usher, S. K. Lathrop, and E. A. Rice, were declared candidates for the office of Grand Chaplain.

The whole number of votes for candidates for *First* GRAND REPRESENTATIVE are - - 91

Br. W. E. Parmenter has -	52	Br. J. L. Drew, - - - -	12
" N. A. Thompson, - -	7	" J. Schouler, - - - -	4
" E. H. Chapin, - - -	2	" T. Barr, - - - - -	2
" W. T. Davis, - - -	3	" B. H. Davis, - - - -	2
" A. Guild, - - - - -	1	" Wm. Hilliard, - - -	1
" A. Case, - - - - -	1	" Wm. Ellison, - - -	1
" I. W. Beard, - - -	1	" Wm. H. Jones, - - -	1
" H. Prince, - - - -	1		

Br. N. A. Thompson having declined the nomination, Brs. Wm. E. Parmenter Jos. L. Drew, and J. Schouler, were declared candidates for the office of Representative No. 1.

The whole number of votes for candidates for *Second* GRAND REPRESENTATIVE are - - 86

Br. J. L. Drew, has - -	36	Br. B. H. Davis, - - -	9
" Wm. E. Parmenter, -	10	" H. Prince, - - - -	6
" Wm. Hilliard, - - -	4	" W. T. Davis, - - -	2
" L Crosby, - - - -	2	" A. Case, - - - - -	1
" D. Dana, - - - -	1	" R. L. Robbins, - - -	1
" J. M. Durgin, - - -	1	" J. B. Frost, Jr. - - -	1
" L. R. Paige, - - - -	1	" J. R. Mullin, - - -	1
" A. Ware, - - - -	2	" J. S. Ladd, - - - -	1
" N. A. Thompson, - -	7		

Br. N. A. Thompson having declined the nomination, Brs. J. L. Drew, W. E. Parmenter, and B. H. Davis were declared candidates for the office of Representative, No. 2.

On motion of Br. Parmenter it was

Voted, That the ballots for the different officers be cast at the same time in separate boxes.

A motion was made by P. G. Master Hersey, that the election of Grand Officers take place to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M. which motion did not prevail.

On motion a Committee of three was appointed to write votes.

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as relates to regalia, and the admission of visiting brothers, &c., submitted the following Report :—

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To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., State of Massachusetts.,

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. Master's Report as relates to the admission of visiting brothers from other Lodges within the State, without the State cards, Quarterly P. W. and Explanation, and in relation to wearing Grand Lodge regalia in Subordinate Lodges, having attentively considered the subject, beg leave to submit the following Report—

That in relation to the first subject referred to us, your Committee deeply regret any departure from the rigid rules of this Grand Lodge, which we believe have been wisely framed and are absolutely necessary to protect our Order from imposition. The Committee are of opinion that the Noble Grand's duty to exact the Quarterly P. W. and Explanation from every person not a member of his own Lodge, previous to admission, is made sufficiently clear in his installing obligation.

The Committee are also of the opinion that the N. G.'s duty in requiring of every visiting brother from within the State, his State Card, is made equally as clear by reference to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, February Session, [folio 243,] as follows: "and no Lodge shall admit a visiting brother except upon presentation of such card."

These rules your Committee believe cannot be deviated from in any case, except such as are provided for by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In relation to the second subject entrusted to us—your Committee coinciding in the views of the Grand Master, that the Scarlet Degree is the highest known in a Subordinate Lodge, would submit the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That the Scarlet Degree is the highest degree known or recognized in a Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That no brother upon trial in any Subordinate Lodge, shall claim as his peers, brothers of a higher than the Scarlet degree.

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge shall require its past Officers, or any of its members (except the acting officers) to wear a higher than a Scarlet regalia.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. L. NORTH,
THOMAS BARR,
CHARLES S. LANDERS.

On motion, the Report was accepted and the opinions and resolutions offered by the Committee adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of John W. Winter, submitted the following Report which was accepted,

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. W. Winter for a new trial beg leave to report—

That the brother has not complied with the requirements of the Constitution inasmuch as it does not appear, that he has given notice of his appeal to the Lodge, and he has not shown either in person or by proxy, to the Committee, any reason why the appeal should be allowed. Your Committee therefore report that a new trial should not be granted.

WM. HILLIARD,
A. P. RICHARDSON,
EDWIN BROWN.

On motion of Br. Seaver, it was

Voted, That the appeal be returned to Br. Winter, and the reasons given why this Grand Lodge do not grant him a new trial.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of Br. D. L. Richardson, reported recommending the appeal to be returned, and reasons assigned therefor.*

*The Committee made a verbal Report which the Grand Secretary did not hear. He is, therefore unable to notify Br. Richardson of the Reasons.

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On motion the Report was accepted and recommendation adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Br. Brabrook of Mystic Lodge at the May session, submitted the following Report which was accepted and resolution adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the appeal of Br. C. W. Brabrook against the decision of Mystic Lodge in suspending him during the pleasure of the Lodge ask leave to report—

That they are unanimously of the opinion that Br. Brabrook should have a new trial before a committee of the Grand Lodge, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider and finally determine all matters of grievance between Mystic Lodge, and Br. C. W. Brabrook.

C. D. STRONG,
WM. TOZER,
DEXTER DANA.

The following Committee was appointed: J. C. Bartlett, C. S. Burgess, J. M. Usher, E. A. Rice, Caleb Rand.

The Committee upon the Election of Officers announced the result of the balloting to be as follows :

For Grand Master.

Whole number of votes, - 116 Br. Albert Guild, - - - 16
Necessary to a choice, - - 59 " Wm. E. Parmenter, - 5
Br. E. M. P. Wells, has - 95

And Br. E. M. P. Wells was declared elected *Grand Master.*

For Deputy Grand Master.

Whole number of votes, - 108 Br. W. T. Davis, - - - 26
Necessary to a choice, - - 55 " Wm. Ellison, - - - 21
Br. J. M. Usher has - - 61

And Br. J. M. Usher was delared elected *Deputy Grand Master.*

For Grand Warden.
[On the second ballot.]

Whole number of votes, - 69 Br. J. R. Mullin, - - - 13
Necessary to a choice, - 35 " H. Lord, - - - - - - 6
Br. Samuel Wells has - - 50

And Br. Samuel Wells was declared elected *Grand Warden.*

For Grand Secretary.

Whole number of votes, - 94 Br. Wm. H. Jones has - 86
Necessary to a choice, - - 48 Scattering, - - - - - 8

And Br. Wm. H. Jones was declared elected *Grand Secretary.*

For Grand Trasurer.

Whole number of votes, - 92 Br. Hezekiah Prince has - 87
Necessary to a choice, - - 47 Scattering, - - - - - 5

And Br. Hezekiah Prince was declared elected *Grand Treasurer.*

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FOR GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Whole number of votes -	72	Br. J. M. Usher, - - - -	5
Necessary to a choice, - -	37	" E. A. Rice, - - - -	12
Br. Eben. Francis has - -	55		

And Br. Eben. Francis was declared elected *Grand Chaplain.*

FOR FIRST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, -	104	Br. J. Schouler, - - - -	9
Necessary to a choice, - -	53	" J. L. Drew, - - - -	8
Br. Wm. E. Parmenter, has	87		

And Br. Wm. E. Parmenter was declared elected *First Grand Representative.*

FOR SECOND GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Whole number of votes, - -	97	Br. B. H. Davis, - - -	21
Necessary to a choice, - -	49	" Wm. E. Parmenter, -	11
Br. Joseph L. Drew has -	65		

And Br. Joseph L. Drew was declared elected *Second Grand Representative.*

The Report and Resolutions of the Committee on Libraries and Public Lectures was then taken from the table and on motion it was

Voted, That the subject of the Resolutions be indefinitely postponed.

The Report of the Committee on the memorial of brothers of Montezuma Lodge, was then taken from the table, and on motion the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Report of the Committee on the case of * * * * * * was taken from the table, and on motion, it was again laid on the table to be considered to-morrow.

The Report of the Committee on Groton Lodge was then taken from the table.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolution. An amendment was proposed to strike out that part relating to the surrender of their charter.

A motion was then made to lay the subject on the table until to-morrow, which motion prevailed.

Voted, That 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, be the hour fixed for the installation of the Grand Officers.

Br. Francis submitted the following proposed amendments, which on motion were referred to Brs. Edwin Brown, D. Ayres, and A. W. Pollard.

1st—To amend Clause 5th, Section 1st, Article II. of the Constitution of the Subordinate Lodges, so that it shall read:

When a candidate has been rejected for immoral conduct or impaired health, duly specified, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Lodges within ten miles of the Lodge in which the candidate is rejected, and a list of candidates so rejected, shall be sent at the end of each quarter to the Grand Lodge.

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And no person so rejected shall be balloted for in any Lodge for the space of six months.

2d—That the Grand Lodge forward to every Lodge in the State with its quarterly report, a copy of all the returns of the names of candidates rejected in the Subordinate Lodges, which they shall require each Subordinate Lodge to copy immediately into their black book.

Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

COVENANT HALL, *Aug. 7, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

Grand Lodge called to order.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain elect.

Voted, To reconsider the vote fixing the time for the Installation of Grand Officers at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Voted, That the Installation of the Grand Officers shall take place at any convenient time after 11 o'clock.

Br. B. H. Davis from the Committee on the case of Lucian Prince, reported verbally—"That the Committee had taken from him his card of clearance."

Voted, To accept the Report, and that the action of the committee in the case be approved.

The following Article proposed by Br. Snow at the May session, to be added to the Constitution of Subordinates was then taken up for action.

"Each Representative to the Grand Lodge, chosen from this Lodge, shall be required to attend each Session of the Grand Lodge, punctually, and for any failure to do so, shall be subject to a fine of one dollar per day, so long as the Session continues; said Representatives shall receive as a compensation for their time and services, two dollars per day during the Session, to be paid from the funds of this Lodge."

Moved by Br. Ayres that the further consideration of the subject of Br. Snow's amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates be indefinitely postponed, which motion did not prevail.

Voted, To lay it on the table.

The following Article proposed by Br. Snow at the May session, to be added to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, was on motion laid on the table.

"There shall be kept a correct Roll of the names of the Representatives from the several Subordinates, which roll, shall be called by the Grand Secretary at the opening and close of each day's Session of this Grand Lodge, and the names of those who may be absent at each time of calling said Roll, be entered by him upon the printed records of this Lodge."

The Grand Secretary notified the Grand Lodge, that applications had been made to him for cards for the wives and widows of brothers, and asked for instructions; whereupon it was

Voted, That the subject be referred to a committee of three.

Brs. Reynolds, B. H. Davis and Pollard were appointed.

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A motion made to lay all the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges on the table, was lost.

The following motion offered by Br. Tozer at the November session, 1845, was then considered.

"That the new Section, Article 5th, of the Constitution of Subordinates, passed at the last session to go into operation on the 1st of January next, making the initiation fee not less than ten dollars, and the price of Degrees not less than two dollars, be rescinded."

Moved that it be adopted.

An amendment was proposed by Br. Ely, which was ruled by the chair to be out of order. An appeal from the decision of the chair was taken, and the chair sustained.—Yeas, 60. Nays, 6.

The previous question was called for and seconded by the Grand Lodge.

The question then recurred, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was decided in the affirmative.

The main question was then taken and decided in the negative. So the motion of Br. Tozer was lost.

The following amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates, proposed by Br. Rand at the August session, 1845, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

"Any Lodge violating any of the principles of the Order as contained in the Constitution, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, which amount shall go into the fund of the Grand Lodge."

The following amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates, proposed by Br. Barr at the November session, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

"When the Investigating Committee reports favorably upon the application of a candidate, and in balloting more than two black balls appear against him, the brothers casting the same will state their reasons to the N. G. before the next Lodge meeting, when the N. G. will lay the same before the Lodge, and if the Lodge think the cause sufficient, he shall be declared rejected; but if the cause is thought not sufficient, he shall be declared elected."

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Visiting Cards for wives and widows of Odd Fellows, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of furnishing Cards to Subordinate Lodges, to be given to the wives and widows of brothers in good standing, on application, beg leave to report—

That in the opinion of your Committee the Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to haae the Cards, as prescribed by the G. L. of the U. S. printed within the margin, as used for the State Cards of this G. L. and furnished to the Subordinates at cost.

B. H. DAVIS.
A. W. POLLARD.
BREWSTER REYNOLDS.

The following amendment offered by Br. Edwin Brown, at the Nov. Session, 1845, was then considered, and on motion, indefinitely postponed :—

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"To strike out the three first lines and insert the following :—

"The name of a person must be offered for initiation by a written or printed communication, stating his age, health, his belief in a Supreme Being, residence and business, with good references, with his signature in his own handwriting affixed ; *Provided*, the Constitution of the Lodge to which he is about to be proposed is presented to him sufficient length of time for his careful perusal, and said communication to be entered on the record, &c. &c."

The subject of ********** was then taken from the table and acted upon. For the result of the action thereon, reference may be had to the written records of the Grand Lodge.

The Articles proposed by Br. Snow, at the May Session to be added to the Constitution of subordinate Lodges, and the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, were taken from the table, considered, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

Voted, To proceed to the installation of Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master then administered the obligation of office to the M. W. G. Master, elect.

M. W. G. Master E. M. P. Wells, then entered upon the duties of his office, and at his request, P. G. M. Newell A. Thompson, officiated at the installation of the R. W. D. G. Master, R. W. G. Warden, R. W. G. Secretary, and R. W. G. Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed the R. W. G. Chaplain, and appointed the following officers :—

Br. Samuel Nicolson—Grand Marshal.
" John R. Mullin—Grand Conductor.
" A. P. Richardson—Grand Guardian.

On motion of P. G. Master Thompson, it was

Voted, That the Grand Master be authorized, by and with the advice of the Grand Officers, to re-arrange the Districts previous to appointing the D. D. G. Masters.

Br. Ellison offered the following Resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to P. G. M Newell A. Thompson, for the very able, faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Master of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Massachusetts, for the term that has just expired.

Br. Davis, from the Committee of Vigilance, submitted the following Report, with documents accompanying, which was accepted, and recommendation adopted :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O of O. F.

The Chairman of the Vigilance Committee would beg leave to submit the following Report for the consideration of your honorable body.

The subject matter referred to this Committee, was referred by them to the Chairman with instructions to investigate the same, and consult with them if necessary in regard thereto. The Chairman has attended to the duty assigned him, as far as the circumstances of the case would permit, and would lay before you the communications touching this matter, without consulting the other members of the Committee, as opportunity has not been given him so

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to do. And he would recommend that this matter under the present circumstances that attend it, be submitted to the consideration of a new Committee.

B. H. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The Chair appointed Brs. Burgess, Warner and Dike.

On motion, Grand Lodge adjourned.

Two and a half o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication which relates to the circulars of Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, submitted the following Reports:

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed to report on so much of the G. Master's Report as relates to Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, respectfully report that they believe it to be not only an entirely new proceeding in Odd Fellowship, but in all well-ordered federal bodies, for a subordinate body to arraign and censure their general federal head. That if there is in the minds of any subordinates, a doubt as to the correctness of the doings of the general government, they ought to instruct their representatives to bring up such matter at the next meeting of such federal head or general government.

Your Committee therefore must report that they conceive that the said Oberlin and Veritas Lodges have acted in an insubordinate if not disorderly manner.

M. B. NEWELL.
B. REYNOLDS.

MINORITY REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as referred to circulars issued by Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, beg leave to make the following Report.

That they have examined a copy of the circular addressed to the various Lodges in the State by Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, and can see no reason why they should be rebuked by this Grand Lodge, as recommended by the Grand Master.

The said Lodges feeling dissatisfied by the decision of the Grand Lodge at its last session, in the case of Tisquantum Lodge, did pass certain resolutions, and caused the same to be sent to the various Lodges in the State, which resolutions in our opinion contained nothing reflecting on the motives which governed the Board of Grand Officers or this Grand Lodge, in their decision, calling on the Lodges to co-operate with them by instructing their Representatives to press this matter upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and use their influence to cause a reversion of the decision of the Board of Grand Officers, which in our opinion was agreeable to the principles, rules and regulations of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted. WM. T. GRAMMER.

Voted, To accept the Reports.

Voted, To lay the Reports on the table until quarter past 3 o'clock.

On motion, the above vote was re-considered.

Moved, that the majority Report be adopted. Previous to action thereon, a call was made for the reading of the following Circular from Oberlin and Veritas Lodges:

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To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Brothers of ———— *Lodge, No.* —, *I. O. of O. F.*

Whereas, Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, on perusing the Grand Master's Report, transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge, at its last session, found on the ninety-eighth [267] page of the printed Report of that body, the following paragraph, viz:

"The Grand Lodge, at its last session, adopted a resolution requiring all subordinates to submit forthwith to the Board of Grand Officers, a copy of their By-Laws, and also such amendments as should be made from time to time, in order that such portions thereof, if any, as might be contrary to the *Constitution and General Laws* of the Order, might be expunged. A few only of the Lodges have complied with the requirements of this resolution. Among those sent to the Board of Grand Officers, was a revised copy of the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge, one article, or clause of which, by the unanimous opinion of the Board, was deemed to be contrary to the true principles and spirit of Odd Fellowship, and by their advice, the Grand Master, acting under the aforesaid resolution, directed the objectionable article to be expunged."

The action of the Board of Grand Officers alluded to in the above quotation, was deemed to be contrary to the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge at its February session; as the Grand Master's Report fully proves in itself, inasmuch as the reason alleged for causing the said article to be expunged, was not that it was contrary to either the Constitution or the general laws of the Order, but what was in their opinion, contrary to the true spirit and principles of the Order. Whereupon it was voted, that the Past Grands of the Lodges be a Committee to draft resolutions expressive of their opinions of the subject, to be sent to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and to all the subordinate Lodges in the State.

The Committee brought forth the following resolutions, and they were adopted by the Lodges, viz:

Resolved, That these Lodges do not deem the article which was inserted in the By-Laws of Tisquantum Lodge, as in any way conflicting with the Constitution and General Laws, or the true spirit and principles of Odd Fellowship. Therefore we most respectfully dissent from the decision of the Board of Grand Officers, in expunging the said article from their By-Laws.

And also we think it no more than just and right that each Lodge should have the privilege of adopting a By-Law respecting this subject, to prevent the evils of intemperance being entailed upon them with impunity.

Resolved, That our Representatives be, and are hereby instructed, to press this matter upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and use their influence to cause a reversion of the decision of the Board of Grand Officers.

And to ———— do we earnestly call for its co-operation in assisting us in obtaining this most desirable object.

[Seal.] Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, Lowell, June 23, 1846.

The above preamble and resolutions were adopted, by a unanimous vote, in our Lodge this evening.

Yours in F. L. and T., JOSIAH CURTIS, N. G.

Attest, J. J. Judkins, Sec'y.

[Seal.] Veritas Lodge, No. 49, Lowell, June 24, 1846.

The above preamble and resolutions were adopted, by a unanimous vote, in our Lodge this evening.

Yours in F. L. and T., ELBRIDGE G. RICHARDSON, N. G.

Attest, Ira M. Chase, Sec'y.

Br. Ely then offered the following Resolution, as a substitute for the Report of the Committees on that part of the Grand Master's communication relating to Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do approve of the course heretofore pursued, and the action heretofore had, by the Grand Officers, in respect to the

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matters referred to in the Resolutions and communications of Oberlin and Veritas Lodges, and that the further consideration of this subject be indefinitely postponed.

Action thereon suspended for the purpose of hearing the following Report:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts.

Whereas, There is a misunderstanding between Br. B. H. Davis, of Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, and Br. Holman, of Harvard Lodge, No. 60, and believing the intentions of both parties were for the good of the Order, we therefore move—

That the whole subject be *indefinitely postponed.*

Voted, To accept the Report, and adopt the motion.

Moved, That the Resolution of Br. Ely be adopted.

A call having been made for the vote by representation, it was taken and decided in the affirmative. Yeas, 47. Nays, 19.

The Lodges voting in the affirmative were: Massachusetts, Siloam, New England, Merrimack, Oriental, Bethel, Covenant, Friendship, Franklin, Columbian, Montezuma, Maverick, Shawmut, Souhegan, Quascacunquen, Bay State, Quinsigamond, Mystic, Hobah, Atlantic, Worcester, Nonotuck, Nantucket, Unity, Ocean, Blue Hill, Nonantum—47.

The Lodges voting in the negative, were: Chrystal Fount, Mechanics', Boston, Oberlin, Bethesda, Hope, Framingham, Veritas, Golden Rule, Massasoit, N. Stoughton, Neponset, Adelphic —19.

During the balloting upon the above resolution, a question arose in regard to the right of Nonotuck Lodge to a vote, their representative having been elected R. W. G. Warden. The M. W. G. Master decided that inasmuch as the G. Warden had been sent as a Representative from the Nonotuck Lodge, notwithstanding his election to the office of Grand Warden, he should be entitled to his vote as representative from that Lodge until it should have had opportunity to take notice of his election. Bro. Ayres stated that he was satisfied with the decision of the M. W. G. Master, but in order to obtain the opinion of the Grand Lodge upon the question, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The vote was then taken, and the decision of the Chair sustained by a large majority.

The Committee on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the exciting topics of the day, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as pertained to exciting topics, respectfully report,

That, as a general rule, the different subjects of philanthropy and reform should be left to members of the Order, to be cherished by them as citizens, rather than to be made the subject of interest and debate in our Lodges. There are, however, exceptions to this rule; and the exceptions pertain to such sub-

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jects as directly affect the character of the Order in community, or the immediate welfare of individuals.

Such we consider the temperance question. In the Constitution of subordinate Lodges, in our instruction of members, and in our professions before the community, we lay high profession to moral character. Consistency, and a proper regard for our reputation, demaad that we sustain such profession.

We are bound by the spirit and regulations of Odd Fellowship to be angels of love to one another; to encourage the right, to rebuke the wrong.

And, whereas we find temperance enjoined in the unerring standard of truth, and a wo pronounced upon him that putteth the cup to his neighbor's lips; whereas intemperence is an offence to the Order, a reproach to the brotherhood, a fruitful source of domestic misery and personal shame; and whereas the sale of ardent spirit, as a general principle, leads to the temptation of individuals, and whereas the great mass of persons engaged in this State, in the sale of intoxicating drinks, are going it in direct violation of the laws of the State, which laws, as good Odd Fellows, we are bound to obey and support—therefore,

Resolved, That regulations by subordinate Lodges, regarding the habits of members in the use or sale of strong drinks, may be in accordance with the spirit, constitution and welfare of our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN M. DURGIN,
D. S. KING,
E. DAWES TISDALE.

Moved to accept the Report, and adopt the Resolution.

A division of the motion was called for, whereupon it was voted to accept the Report.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the Resolution, Bro. Parmenter offered a Resolution that the Report be re-committed, with instructions to report that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject contained in the Report.

The previous question was called for. The M. W. G. Master decided that the previous question was the Resolution offered by Bro. Parmenter, which was seconded by the Grand Lodge.

The question then recurred, "Shall the main question be now put?" which was decided in the affirmative.

So the Report and Resolution were re-committed.

Bro. King declined serving on the Committee, and Bro. Ely was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Durgin declined serving on the Committee, and Bro. Ayres was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A motion was made that the following Resolutions, adopted at the February session, 1846, (see page 254,) be and is hereby repealed; which was laid on the table.

Resolved, That no public lectures shall hereafter be delivered upon Odd Fellowship, by any member of the Order in this State without the consent in writing of the Elective Grand Officers, or a majority thereof.

Resolved, That no public Installation or Institution shall hereafter be permitted in any Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the Report on that part of the M. W. G. Master's communication, relating to exciting topics, &c., reported as follows:—

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To the R. W. G. L. of Massachusetts:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as pertained to exciting topics, respectfully report,

That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject matter so committed to their consideration.

Respectfully submitted. A. B. ELY,
DAVID AYERS.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved to adopt the Report.

Moved to indefinitely postpone the subject.—Lost.

Voted, To adopt the Report of the Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed alterations to the Constitution of Subordinates offered by Bro. Francis, submitted the following Report which was accepted, and the opinion of the Committee adopted.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed alterations to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, offered by Bro. Francis, beg leave to Report,

That by reference to Clause 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, we find that no alteration can be made to said Constitution "except on motion made in Grand Lodge at a regular quarterly meeting, notice of which motion shall be immediately transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges, and adopted by the Representatives of a majority of said Lodges present at its annual session." We are therefore of opinion that no action can be had on said proposed alterations at this Session.

All of which is respectfully submitted. EDWIN BROWN,
ABNER W. POLLARD,
DAVID AYERS.

Bro. Parmenter from the Committee on so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as relates to Election of Representatives submitted the following Report which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. G. L. of Massachusetts, I. O O. F.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the Election of Representatives, report:—

That the first question raised in the Grand Master's report, has been disposed of by another Committee.

Upon the question whether or not a Lodge which neglects, or from any cause does not elect its representatives at the time fixed upon by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, shall be allowed subsequently to supply its omission, your Committee would say that the Law of the Grand Lodge is plain and intelligible, and they cannot suggest any rule to meet the above case which would not be in effect an amendment of the Constitution.

Attest, WM. E. PARMENTER,
for the Committee.

Bro. Frost offered the following Resolution.

Resolved—That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the U. States, be instructed to use all the efforts in their power to procure a change in the length of the terms for Subordinate Lodges, from three to at least six months.

An amendment was proposed by Bro. Burgess, "that permission be given to Subordinates to meet once in two weeks," which was

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lost. And on motion the Resolution offered by Bro. Frost was adopted.

On motion, it was—

Voted, To pay Bro. Frost ten dollars for his services as O. G. this session.

On motion of Bro. Mullin, it was—

Voted, That the Board of Grand Officers be a Committee to procure an appropriate jewel for the use of the P. G. Master of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having neglected to take up a contribution for the relief of Bro. Davis, as per vote of yesterday, Bro. Drew submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge present Bro. Davis with the sum of fifty dollars from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Barr. offered the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge :—

The undersigned would offer for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, the following amendment to the Constitution, viz :—

Strike out Clause 3rd of Article 2d, Grand Lodge Constitution, and insert the following. "The representation of each Lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge at the annual session, fifty members or more in full membership, shall be entitled to two votes, and each which has reported a less number shall be entitled to one vote, when questions are determined by representation, which vote shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately, and a majority of those present shall be deemed as the vote of the Lodge they represent. When the numbers of a representation are equally divided, the Lodge they represent shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The Ayes and Nays shall be recorded when the vote is taken by representation."

The following By-Law, offered at the May session, (page 278,) was then considered, and, on motion, it was indefinitely postponed:

"The N. G. of each Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall read, or cause to be read, the Constitution, By-Laws and Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, once in each quarter ; and failing to perform the same, shall be subject to the censure of the M. W. Grand Master."

On motion of Bro. Lord, the communications and resolutions of Lowell Lodge were taken from the table, and, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, it was—

Voted, That the Grand Officers have authority to hire the room adjoining that now occupied as the office of the Grand Lodge, and furnish the same, and should the Grand Encampment wish a part thereof or a privilege therein, they be authorized to lease the same, for such a sum as they may deem expedient.

Voted, That the Grand Officers be a Committee to procure a Hall for the meetings of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars which has been appropriated for the relief of Bro. Davis, be placed in the hands of the officers of Groton Lodge for his benefit.

After prayer by the M. W. G. Master, at 6 o'clock 10 minutes, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Attest, W. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary*.

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List of Representatives whose Certificates have been deposited with the Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts, No.1,—J. L. Drew, Hezh. Prince, W. H. Jones, David Ayres, A. B. Ely.
Siloam, 2,—E. M. P. Wells, Ebenr. Seaver, Edwin Brown, Charles A. Smith, John R. Mullin, John McClellan.
New England, 4,—W. E. Parmenter, John S. Ladd.
Washington, 5,—Benj. F. Campbell.
Merrimack, 7,—Thos. Barr, George Ashworth.
Suffolk, 8,—S. K. Lathrop, D. H. Storer, Elisha Jacobs, Samuel Nicolson.
Crystal Fount, 9,—W. T. Grammer, John S. Laman.
Oriental, 10,—Wm. Hilliard, J. B. Frost, J. H. Hathorne.
Mechanics' 11,—Hargraves Lord, E. A. Rice, John Billings.
Bethel, 12,—Addison Hill.
Bunker Hill, 14,—Joseph Burrill, E. J. Titcomb, H. A. Rice.
Tremont, 15,—Charles S. Burgess, H. Colman, Jr.
Covenant, 16,—A. P. Richardson, H. A. Hall.
Middlesex, 17,—Solomon Cruse, A. L. Barrett
Warren, 18,—Daniel Leach, Ira Allen A. J. P. Whitcomb.
Monument, 19,—Horatio Wellington.
Friendship, 20,—Lucius R. Paige, J. P. Howlett.
Howard, 22,—W. W. Pierce, Caleb Rand.
Franklin, 23,—Abel B. Munroe, Royal P. Barry.
Winnissimmet, 24,—John Low, Eben Francis.
Boston, 25,—Geo. C. Rand, Dexter S. King, Thos. Green.
Essex, 26,—Geo. Russell, Jas. Kimball.
Hampden, 27,—A. M. White. Addison Ware, J. M. Thompson.
Oberlin, 28,—Joel Powers, A. B. Plympton, N. B. Favour.
Columbian, 29,—George W. Dike.
Bethesda, 30,—Theodore D. Cook, Brewster Reynolds, Solon Jenkins.
Lafayette, 31,—E. B. Armstrong.
Ancient Landmark, 32,—Joseph Moriarty.
Montezuma, 33,—Wm. Ellison, A.W. Pollard, J. W. Warren, Jr.
Hope, 34,— A. W. Carlton.
Prospect, 35,—J. T. Hemenway, Obadiah Sawtell.
Maverick, 36,—Geo. W. Morrill, Jacob Barker.
Shawmut, 37,—A. Watkins.
Souhegan, 38,—Samuel Kingman.
Quascacunquen, 39,—Thos. H. Lord, Philip K. Hills, Alfred R. Fiske, Francis Titcomb.
Bay State, 40,—Franklin Williams.
Accushnet, 41,—Hiram Webb, Timothy Ingraham.
Pacifick, 42,—Joseph B. Barnard, O. B. Hill.
Quinsigamond, 43,—Wm. A. Ayres, Oliver Harrington, Charles F. Wilson.
King Philip, 44,—E. Dawes Tisdale, James P. Ellis.
Framingham, 45,—John R. Clark.
Tisquantum, 46,—B. H. Davis, A. C. Mayhew.
Macedonian, 47,—Joseph Phelps.
Norfolk, 48,—Robert Richardson.
Veritas, 49,—Wm. L. North, Luther P. Durgin.
Concord, 50,—Daniel C. Emerson.
Mystic, 51,—Stephen Sibley.
Agawam, 52,—John Kimball, 3d.
Hobah, 53,—Reuben Wheeler, Charles H. White.
May Flower, 54,—Geo. Simmons, Jr.
Atlantic, 55,—James C. Briggs, Benj. Brown.
Worcester, 56,—G. H. Goodnow, Wm. H. Harris.
Elliot, 58,—Wm. S. Howard.
Takewambait, 59,—John Hoyt.
Harvard, 60,—J. W. Holman.
Nonotuck, 61,—Samuel Wells.
St. John's, 62,—J. R. Childs.
Mount Hope, 63,—Thos. T. Potter.
Shawsheene, 64,—William Schouler.
Golden Rule, 65,—John M. Durgin.
Nantucket, 66,—Geo. H. Riddell, Henry C. Worth.
Pocomptuck, 67,—W. T. Davis, (Proxy.)
Harmony, 68,—George E. Willis.
Massasoit, 69,—Robert Smith.
Quinobequin, 70,—Eliphalet Stone.
Groton, 71,—George H. Brown.
North Stoughton, 72,—E. Jones.

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Woronoco, 74,—Robert M. Wilson.
Rising Star, 76,—Caleb Stevens.
Unity, 77,—Joseph C. Bartlett.
Olive Branch, 78,—Isaac Cook.
Crescent, 82,—W. W. Barker.
Neponset, 84,—John Robie.
Excelsior, 87,—Charles W. Mellen.
Union, 88,—Seba Carpenter.
Lancaster, 89,—John B. Atkinson.
Ocean, 91,—Charles E. Grover.
Blue Hill, 93,—R. Shankland.
Mt. Auburn, 94,—Isaac Hyde.
Lowell, 95,—W. H. Clemence.
Marine, 96,—Leander Crosby.
Mt. Roulstone, 98,—O. L. Huntley.
Rising Sun, 99,—Clark Partridge.
Oneco, 100,—Thos. H. Johnson.
Fredonian, 103,—Jerome Gardner, Jr
Holten, 104,—Jonathan Shove.
Evergreen, 105,—Hugh O'Brien.
Blackstone River, 106—Charles S. Landers,
Aurora, 107,—Thaddeus Phelps.
Old Colony, 108,—Warren A. Hersey.
Adelphic, 109,—Chenery Puffer.
Mattakesett, 110,—Geo Loudon.
Wrentham, 111,—H. E. Clap.
Stony Brook, 112,—Ithamer W. Beard, (Proxy.)
Neptune, 113,—Maxy B. Newell.
Eagle, 114,—A. G. Walker.
Nonantum, 116,—Bernard Snow.

Past Grands Admitted and Instructed.

Massachusetts, No. 1,—N. M. George.
Siloam, 2,—John McClellan.
Washington, 5,—Geo. B. Davis, Benj. F. Campbell.
Merrimack, 7,—Charles Dodge.
Crystal Fount, 9,—W. B. Randolph.
Oriental, 10,—J. S. F. Huddleston.
Bethel, 12,—Thomas P. Pierce.
Nazarene, 13,—Elias B. Whitman.
Middlesex, 17,—Elbridge Green,
Warren, 18,—B. F. Cooke.
Friendship, 20,—Lucius R. Paige.
Fidelity, 21,—Geo. Richardson.
Winnissimmet, 24,—Geo. W. Clark.
Boston, 25,—George P. Clapp.
Essex, 26,—Henry Luscomb, Jr.
Columbian, 29,—Geo. W. Dike.
Lafayette, 31,—Wm. A. Mansfield.
Ancient Landmark, 32,—S. M. Colcord.
Montezuma, 33,—E. F. Lovejoy.
Quascacunquen, 39,—Geo. T. Granger.
Quinsigamond, 43,—Oliver Harrington.
King Philip, 44,—F. S. Monroe, Chas. Foster.
Framingham, 45,—J. H. Whitman.
Concord, 50,—Samuel Potter.
Mystic, 51,—C. H. Webb.
Atlantic, 55,—Thomas Main.
Elliot, 58,—Claudius Wadsworth.
Harvard, 60,—A. J. Sawyer.
St. John's, 62,—John R. Childs.
Shawsheene, 64,—John Baldwin, Jr.
Golden Rule, 65,—James Jaques.
Nantucket, 66,—Benj. Field.
Harmony, 68,—John S. Emerson, Jr.
Massasoit, 69,—L. D. Hersey, Ellis Pickard.
Quinobequin, 70,—A. B. Gallucia.
Groton, 71,—George J. Smith.
North Stoughton, 72,—Luther Hayden.
Woronoco, 74,—J. E. Comstock, R. M. Wilson.
Unity, 77,—Francis Gardner.
Olive Branch, 78,—H. P. Fairbanks, Isaac Cook.
Excelsior, 87,—James Waterhouse.
Union, 88,—Seba Carpenter.
Powow River, 90,—Ephraim K. Lamson.
Ocean, 91,—Charles E. Grover.
Blue Hill, 93,—R. Shankland.
Mount Auburn, 94,—Leonard Lyon.
Lowell, 95, Thomas E. Roberts.
Mount Roulstone, 98,—O. L. Huntley.
Oneco, 100,—Thomas H. Johnson.
Fredonian, 103,—Jerome Gardner, Jr.
Mattakesett, 110,—George Loudon.
Wrentham, 111,—H. E. Clap.
Eagle, 114,—A. G. Walker.

Extract from Instructions relating to Degrees.

"In all cases applicants for Degrees shall produce to the appropriate officer or body a certificate signed by the N. G. and Secretary of his Lodge and attested by its seal, stating that he has duly applied for such Degree, and has been authorized by a ballot of the brethren of *that Degree* of his Lodge to receive it."

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Districts of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the D. D. Grand Masters.

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DISTRICT No. 1,—*David Ayres, of Boston.*

Massachusetts, No. 1; Franklin, 23; Montezuma, 33; Shawmut, 37; Pacifick, 42,—all of Boston.

DISTRICT No. 2,—*Raymond Cole, of Boston.*

Siloam, No. 2; Suffolk, 8; Oriental, 10; Covenant, 16; Boston, 25,—all of Boston.

DISTRICT No. 3,—*Joseph Moriarty, of Boston.*

Tremont, 15; Ancient Landmark, 32; Unity, 77;—all of Boston.

DISTRICT No. 4,—*B. Reynolds, of South Boston.*

Bethesda, 30, and Hobah, 53, of South Boston.

DISTRICT No. 5,—*Elisha Jacobs, of Boston.*

Commercial, 97, Boston; Maverick, 36, East Boston.

DISTRICT No. 6,—*H. P. Fairbanks, of Charlestown.*

Bunker Hill, 14; Howard, 22; Olive Branch, 78,—all of Charlestown.

DISTRICT No. 7,—*John Low, of Chelsea.*

Winnissimmet, 24, and Mystic, 51, of Chelsea.

DISTRICT No. 8,—*John G. Adams, of Malden.*

Middlesex, 17, Malden; Souhegan, 38, South Reading.

DISTRICT No. 9,—*L. R. Paige, of Cambridgeport.*

New England, No. 4, East Cambridge; Friendship, 20, Cambridgeport; Mount Auburn, 93, Cambridge.

DISTRICT No. 10,—*A. J. P. Whitcomb, of Roxbury.*

Warren, 18, and Washington, 5, Roxbury.

DISTRICT No. 11,—*Robert Richardson, of Dorchester.*

Norfolk, 48, Dorchester; Neponset, 84, Milton.

DISTRICT No. 12,—*Leo. Thompson, jr, of Woburn.*

Crystal Fount, 9, Woburn; Columbian, 29, Stoneham; Golden Rule, 65, Wilmington.

DISTRICT No. 13,—*J. M. Billings, of Concord.*

Macedonian, 47, Bedford; Concord, 50, Concord; Shawsheene, 64, Billerica.

DISTRICT No. 14,—*Wm. H. Clemence, of Lowell.*

Merrimack, 7 and Lowell, 95, of Lowell; Stony Brook, 112, N. Chelmsford.

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DISTRICT No. 15,—*Hargraves Lord, of Lowell.*

Mechanics', 11; Oberlin, 28; Veritas, 49;—all of Lowell.

DISTRICT No. 16,—*S. Lovell of Weymouth.*

Mt. Wollaston, 80, Quincy; Crescent, 82, East Weymouth; Old Colony, 108, Hingham.

DISTRICT No. 17,—*Eliphalet Stone, of Dedham.*

Quinobequin, 70, Dedham; North Stoughton, 72, North Stoughton; Blue Hill, 93, Canton.

DISTRICT No. 18,—*John Schouler, of West Cambridge.*

Bethel, 12, West Cambridge; Monument, 19, East Lexington; Harmony, 68, Medford.

DISTRICT No. 16,—*Joseph Gould, of Watertown.*

Lafayette, 31, Watertown; Prospect, 35, Waltham; Elliot, 58, Newton Upper Falls; Nonantum, 116, Brighton.

DISTRICT No. 20,—*E. A. Holman, of Harvard.*

Groton, 71, Groton; Harvard, 60, Harvard; Fredonian, 103, Shirley Village.

DISTRICT No. 21,—*J. B. Atkinson, Jr., of Lancaster.*

Leominster, 86, Leominster; Lancaster, 89, Lancaster; Mt. Roulstone, 98, Fitchburg.

DISTRICT No. 22.—*H. E. Clap, of Wrentham.*

Excelsior, 87, Foxboro'; Aurora, 107, Attleboro'; Wrentham, 111, Wrentham.

DISTRICT No. 23,—*Isaac C. Taber, of New Bedford.*

Accushnet, 41, New Bedford; Weweantit, 81, Sippican Village.

DISTRICT No. 24,—*James M. Cook, of Taunton.*

King Philip, 44, Taunton; Mount Hope, 63, Fall River.

DISTRICT No. 25,—*Darius Forbes, of North Bridgewater.*

Massasoit, 69, North Bridgewater; Pilgrim, 75, South Abington; Rising Star, 76, Randolph.

DISTRICT No. 26,—*Samuel H. Doten, Jr., of Plymouth.*

May Flower, 54, Plymouth; Mattakesett, 110, Duxbury.

DISTRICT No. 27,—*Charles H. White, of South Boston.*

Tihonet, 92, Sandwich; Neptune, 113, Brewster.

DISTRICT No. 28,—*John Hoyt, of Natick.*

Framingham, 45, Saxonville; Takewambait, 59, Natick; Marlboro', 85, Marlboro'.

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DISTRICT No. 29,—*G. H. Goodnow, of Worcester.*

Quinsigamond, 43, Worcester; Worcester, 56, do; Hassanamesitt, 102, Grafton.

DISTRICT No. 30,—*Hiram Haven of Westboro'.*

Hockomocko, 79, Westboro'; Pulaski, 101, Upton; Eagle, 114, Hopkinton.

DISTRICT No. 31,—*A. C. Mayhew, of Milford.*

Tisquantum, 46, Milford; Rising Sun, 99, Medway; Evergreen, 105, Holliston.

DISTRICT No. 32,—*Charles S. Landers, of Blackstone.*

Union, 88, Douglass; Blackstone River, 106, Blackstone.

DISTRICT No. 33,—*N. F. Bryant, of Barre.*

Nazarene, 13, Ware Village; Wachusett, 73, Barre.

DISTRICT No. 34,—*J. M. Thompson, of Springfield.*

Hampden, 27, Springfield; St. John's, 62, Cabotville; Woronoco, 74, Westfield; Chicopee, 115, Springfield.

DISTRICT No. 35,—*D. W. Alvord, of Greenfield.*

Nonotuck, 61, Northampton; Pocomptuck, 67, Greenfield; Adelphic, 109, Colrain.

DISTRICT No. 36,—*Thomas Hazard, Jr. of Pittsfield.*

Berkshire, 57, Pittsfield; Oneco, 100, North Adams; Marble, 117, Stockbridge.

DISTRICT No. 37,—*L. C. Wadleigh, of Haverhill.*

Fidelity, 21, Andover; Hope, 34, Methuen; Mutual Relief, 83, Haverhill.

DISTRICT No. 38,—*Franklin Williams, of Lynn.*

Essex, 26, Salem; Bay State, 40, Lynn; Atlantic, 55, Marblehead; Holten, 104, Danvers.

DISTRICT No. 39,—*C. E. Grover, of Gloucester.*

Ocean, 91, Gloucester.

DISTRICT No. 40,—*Dexter Dana, of Newburyport.*

Quascacunquen, 39, Newburyport; Agawam, 52, Ipswich; Powow River, 90, Amesbury.

DISTRICT No. 41,—*H. C. Worth, of Nantucket.*

Nantucket, 66, Nantucket.

DISTRICT No. 42.—*E. Partridge, of Provincetown.*

Marine, 96, Provincetown.

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Quarterly Report of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Massachusetts, for the term ending June. 30, 1846.

LODGES.		LOCATION.	Initiated.	By Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Deaths.	No. Degrees conferred.	Number of Past Grands.	No. of Scarlet memb'rs.	Number of contributing Members.	Amount of Receipts.	Amount due G. Lodge.	Amount paid for Benefits of Brothers.	Amount paid for Funeral Benefits.	Amount paid for other Charitable Purposes.
Massachusetts,	No. 1,	Boston,	7	3	3	6	2	..	..	1	38	16	315	435	$ 392 87	$ 8 80	$ 368 56	$ 60 00	$ 5 00
Siloam,	" 2,	Boston,	5	2	4	10	..	2	..	1	42	14	373	584	568 09	7 70	678 43	30 00	45 00
DEFUNCT,	" 3.																		
New England,	" 4,	East Cambridge,	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	18	58	156	159 65	1 80	64 00	45 00	25 00
Washington,	" 5,	Roxbury,	2	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	34	46	75 06	1 40	10 00		
DEFUNCT,	" 6.																		
Merrimack,	" 7,	Lowell,	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	19	102	188	226 42	3 20	142 56	15 00	14 00
Suffolk,	" 8,	Boston,	4	1	.....	..	..	..	..	1	40	19	189	360	452 75	6 50	60 00	75 00	50 00
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	Woburn,	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	19	9	45	106	131 84	3 40	43 00		
Oriental,	" 10,	Boston,	3	2	....	8	..	3	..	1	33	16	127	211	272 95	5 80	196 00	40 00	5 00
Mechanics',	" 11,	Lowell,	7	3	12	2	..	..	..	..	15	9	153	264	308 83	6 50	344 73	.....	54 50
Bethel,	" 12,	West Cambridge,	....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	11	14	38	91	91 25	1 10	10 00		
Nazarene,	" 13,	Ware Village,	4	..	4	1	1	..	..	1	10	10	14	69	174 13	3 00	24 00	30 00	
Bunker Hill,	" 14,	Charlestown,	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	60	12	150	255	441 66	9 00	172 50	30 00	20 00
Tremont,	" 15,	Boston,	7	..	2	..	..	..	2	3	46	8	153	288	410 59	8 10	239 00	90 00	21 50
Covenant,	" 16,	Boston,	7	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	10	11	51	133	197 23	4 50	86 00		
Middlesex,	" 17,	Malden,	....	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	12	12	60	113	131 00	1 70	35 00		
Warren,	" 18,	Roxbury,	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	30	9	94	215	215 85	6 00	182 00	15 00	
Monument,	" 19,	East Lexington	2	..	.....	1	..	..	..	..	11	10	11	52	86 00	2 10			
Friendship,	" 20,	Cambridgepor t	4	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	8	7	81	152	196 95	2 80	25 00	.....	21 50
Fidelity,	" 21,	Andover,	....	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	8	9	30	62	67 90	80	69 14	36 00	
Howard,	" 22,	Charlestown,	3	..	2	1	..	1	1	1	19	10	97	171	194 50	3 40	.....	30 00	10 00
Franklin,	" 23	Boston,	2	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	11	10	146	239	174 44	2 10	268 52	30 00	
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	Chelsea,	1	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	3	11	76	190	76 41	80	32 00		
Boston,	" 25,	Boston,	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	34	10	144	257	332 00	5 90	382 00	60 00	10 00
Essex,	" 26,	Salem,	9	2	.....	..	..	..	2	..	59	9	201	269	363 19	11 40	132 00		
Hampden,	" 27,	Springfield,	19	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	39	11	122	212	457 50	14 90	106 14	15 00	
Oberlin,	" 28,	Lowell,	2	1	7	4	..	..	..	..	14	11	118	207	171 25	2 90	94 70	40 00	
Columbian,	" 29,	Stoneham,	....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	3	11	22	70	40 62	30			
Bethesda,	" 30,	South Boston,	3	1	....	3	..	..	..	..	6	10	119	216	198 63	2 60	234 42		
Lafayette,	" 31,	Watertown,	5	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	9	8	18	53	119 42	4 40	42 00	.....	25 00
Ancient Landmark,	" 32,	Boston,	2	..	.....	..	1	..	..	..	14	9	46	89	102 00	2 40	21 00	15 00	
Montezuma,	" 33,	Boston,	5	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	33	9	151	226	348 40	5 80	180 00	15 00	
Hope,	" 34,	Methuen,	....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	....	8	31	59	44 09	.....	36 00		
Prospect,	" 35,	Waltham,	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	9	46	103	139 86	1 00	43 00	15 00	34 94

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Maverick,	No. 36,	East Boston,	9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	21	9	91	194	$ 223 62	$ 6 30	$ 83 00		
Shawmut,	" 37,	Boston,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	68	109	167 17	2 50	81 00		
Soutlegan,	" 38,	South Reading,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	7	16	65 87	1 30	6 00		
Quascacunquen,	" 39,	Newburyport	23	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	94	8	172	323	732 52	21 40	292 00	.....	$ 22 42
Bay State,	" 40,	Lynn,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	8	86	120	124 38	3 00	66 00		
Accushnet,	" 41,	New Bedford,	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	7	95	139	193 00	5 30	126 00	$ 25 00	
Pacifick,	" 42,	Boston,	3	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	10	127	171	260 33	6 20	150 49		
Quinsigamond,	" 43,	Worcester,	10	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	69	9	113	226	469 48	13 90	74 72		
King Philip,	" 44,	Taunton,	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	7	92	114	233 93	7 40	55 00		
Framingham,	" 45,	Saxonville,	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	30	97	105 88	1 30	91 00		
Tisquantum,	" 46,	Milford,	1	1	17	1	1	..	..	..	7	6	39	106	127 41	1 70	69 32		
Macedonian,	" 47,	Bedford,	.....		3	..	..	..	..	..	.....	4	20	58	29 12	.....	43 50		
Norfolk,	" 48,	Dorchester,	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	.....	5	31	62	38 72	50	29 00		
Veritas,	" 49,	Lowell,	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	59	118	230 95	3 50	45 50		
Concord,	" 50,	Concord,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	5	33	86	64 12	1 00	32 00		
Mystic,	" 51,	Chelsea,	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	.....	4	23	48	57 66	1 00			
Agawam,	" 52,	Ipswich,	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	35	5	31	68	132 81	4 50	6 00	15 00	
Hobah,	" 53,	South Boston,	3	1	3	1	..	2	..	..	26	6	54	118	188 34	4 81	90 00		
May Flower,	" 54,	Plymouth,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	48	78	118 82	3 70	8 00	.....	24 82
Atlantic,	" 55,	Marblehead,	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	5	102	136	151 24	3 20	3 00		
Worcester,	" 56,	Worcester,	.....		3	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	44	116	105 12		60	15 00	
Berkshire,	" 57,	Pittsfield,	9	6	2	..	..	1	..	..	64	3	71	75	232 50	18 90	1 87		
Elliot,	" 58,	Newton U. Falls,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	20	41	74 60	1 30	20 00	15 00	
Takewambait,	" 59,	Natick,	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	15	51	111 27	3 20	12 00		
Harvard,	" 60,	Harvard,	.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	22	50	52 63	1 20	47 00		
Nonotuck,	" 61,	Northampton,	7	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	65	5	72	101	317 63	11 50	93 00	.....	10 00
St. John's,	" 62,	Cabotville,	3	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	56	3	49	78	246 50	7 10	35 00	15 00	5 00
Mount Hope,	" 63,	Fall River,	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	4	54	80	393 25	17 60	12 50		
Shawsheene,	" 64,	Billerica,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	4	14	40	55 37	1 80	15 00	15 00	
Golden Rule,	" 65,	Wilmington,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	10	37	43 34	1 00	6 00		
Nantucket,	" 66,	Nantucket,	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	29	3	71	120	253 62	3 40	77 48		
Pocomptuck,	" 67,	Greenfield,	9	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	23	4	32	55	202 39	6 80	60 00		
Harmony,	" 68,	Medford,	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	27	4	67	100	186 28	6 70	70 75	.....	2 75
Massasoit,	" 69,	North Bridgewater,	4	1	.....		..	1	..	..	10	3	33	50	201 50	3 00	15 00		
Quinobequin,	" 70,	Dedham,	3	..	.....		..	.....		..	21	5	38	92	111 40	3 60	38 50		

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Groton, No. 71,	Groton,	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	14	4	12	53	$ 92 27	$ 1 90	$ 52 00		
North Stoughton, " 72,	North Stoughton,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	23	4	41	64	99 03	3 30	84 00		
Wachusett, " 73,	Barre,	4	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	16	4	25	65	129 25	4 10	8 00		
Woronoco, " 74,	Westfield	16	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	44	2	54	92	301 41	12 90	15 00	$ 15 00	
Pilgrim, " 75,	Abington	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	35	3	27	55	163 50	5 00	79 50	.....	$ 5 00
Rising Star, " 76,	Randolph	....	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	25	42	115 25	1 00	38 00	30 00	
Unity, " 77,	Boston,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	6	31	62	107 67	2 70			
Olive Branch, " 78,	Charlestown,	3	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	33	7	50	70	188 50	5 30	69 53	45 00	
Hockomocko, " 79,	Westboro',	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	3	20	35	96 07	3 00	20 00		
Mount Wollaston, " 80,	Quincy,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	38	3	55	86	201 00	5 80	111 56		
Weweantit, " 81,	Rochester, (Sip. Vil.)	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	13	36	57 99	1 80			
Crescent, " 82,	East Weymouth,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	30	3	46	71	136 80	4 50	.....	.....	15 00
Mutual Relief, " 83,	Haverhill,	11	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	26	1	31	65	208 55	8 35	15 00		
Neponset, " 84,	Milton,	1	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	22	56	79 86	2 20	8 00		
Marlboro', " 85,	Marlboro',	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	29	1	13	39	97 00	3 40			
Leominster, " 86,	Leominster,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	1	33	2	24	45	131 89	3 30	68 00	30 00	
Excelsior, " 87,	Foxboro',	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	19	42	50 12	90	14 00		
Union, " 88,	Douglass,	35	8	....	..	..	..	..	..	163	....	35	43	774 52	36 15			
Lancaster, " 89,	Lancaster,	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	38	2	35	75	183 63	6 30	62 00	15 00	
Powow River, " 90,	Amesbury,	9	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	21	2	32	53	169 18	7 10	30 00		
Ocean, " 91,	Gloucester,	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	35	2	30	55	155 41	6 00	5 00		
Tihonet, " 92,	Sandwich,	4	..	....	1	..	..	1	..	39	1	25	38	146 25	5 90	5 00		
Blue Hill, " 93,	Canton,	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	21	1	34	42	116 50	4 60	20 00		
Mount Auburn, " 94,	Old Cambridge,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	17	4	30	42	83 87	2 20	33 00		
Lowell, " 95,	Lowell,	12	4	....	..	..	..	..	..	31	5	31	66	242 00	11 10	27 00		
Marine, " 96,	Provincetown,	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	67	1	39	91	254 00	12 70	.....	15 00	
Commercial, " 97,	Boston,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	28	49	90 53	1 80	50 00	.....	11 00
Mt. Roulstone, " 98,	Fitchburg,	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	39	1	34	58	170 75	6 90	23 00		
Rising Sun, " 99,	Medway,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	18	48	69 03	1 70	16 25		
Oneco, " 100,	N. Adams,	12	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	67	2	30	60	294 29	13 20	45 00	15 00	
Pulaski, " 101,	Upton,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	11	19	47 66	1 70			
Hassanamesitt, " 102,	Grafton,	20	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	1	16	41	257 00	12 50	2 00		
Fredonian, " 103,	Shirley Village,	2	1	....	..	..	..	1	..	32	1	19	33	115 25	4 70	24 00	.....	31 44
Holten, " 104,	Danvers,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	22	1	31	37	79 82	3 70	30 00		
Evergreen, " 105,	Holliston,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	17	31	70 50	1 80	8 00		

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Continuation of Quarterly Report.

LODGES.	LOCATION.	Initiated.	By Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Deaths.	No. Degrees conferred.	Number of Past Grands	No. of Scarlet Members.	Number of Contributing Members.	Amount of Receipts.	Amount due G. Lodge.	Amount paid for benefits of Brothers	Amount paid for Funeral Benefits.	Amount paid for other charitable Purposes.
Blackstone River, No. 106,	Blackstone,	3	...	....	..	1	..	..	..	34	1	30	37	$ 129 88	$ 4 90	$ 13 17		
Aurora, " 107,	Attleboro',	8	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	130	1	54	69	392 31	18 00	21 86		
Old Colony, " 108,	Hingham,	15	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	121	1	54	75	437 62	19 60	3 00	.....	$ 3 00
Adelphic, " 109,	Colerain,	38	11	....	..	..	..	2	..	111	....	18	49	630 93	30 10	7 00		
Mattakesett, " 110,	Duxbury,	22	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	82	....	16	24	410 50	19 20	4 00		
Wrentham, " 111,	Wrentham,	18	11	....	..	..	..	..	..	123	1	28	29	464 93	21 30	12 50		
*Stony Brook, " 112,	N. Chelmsford,																	
*Neptune, " 113,	Brewster,																	
Eagle, " 114,	Hopkinton,	13	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	60	....	18	28	306 15	12 50	12 10		
*Chicopee, " 115,	Springfield, C. Falls,																	
Nonantum, " 116,	Brighton,	6	15	2	..	..	..	..	..	39	1	8	19	154 95	8 40			
		605	131	177	64	8	7	20	15	3215	640	6994	11836	$22219 72	$ 660 80	$7182 30	$ 951 00	$ 472 37

* Instituted the last half of the Quarter ; no Return due.

Abstract from the report of the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F., to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States for the year commencing July 1, 1845, *and ending June* 30, 1846.

Number of	Initiations,	3868
" "	Rejections,	167
" "	Admitted by Card,	704
" "	Withdrawn by Card,	858
" "	Reinstated,	27
" "	Suspended,	187
" "	Expelled,	26
" "	Deaths,	46
" "	Past Grands,	640
" "	Contributing Members,	11,836
	Total amount of Receipts,	$104,239 27

RELIEF REPORT.

Number of brother's Relieved,	1482
" " Widowed Families Relieved,	45
" " Brothers Buried,	46
Amount paid for the Relief of Brothers,	$25,976 19
" " " " Widowed Families,	932 86
" " for Burying the Dead,	2,604 18
Total amount of Relief,	$29,513 23

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Names of Officers Elected and Installed for the Term commencing July 1, 1846.

LODGES.		N. G.	V. G.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	P. SECRETARY.
Massachusetts,	No. 1,	Dexter Bowker	S. B. Freeman	John Walker, Jr.	S. J. Wilson	J. G. Morse.
Siloam,	" 2,	George Norton	Lewis Wentworth	R. W. Hall	E. W. Edmands	David T. Haraden.
Defunct,	" 3.,					
New England,	" 4,	M. S. Boyer	J. C. Nute	R. P. Tuten	N. P. Brooks.	
Washington,	" 5.	A. S. Burrill	Joseph T. Perry	Stephen Tucker	Asa Wyman.	
Defunct,	" 6.					
Merrimack,	" 7,	W. W. Curtis	Frederick Prince	James Young	Wm. Lapham	Thomas Barr.
Suffolk,	" 8,	John D. Parker	E. D. Brigham	C. H. Brown	C. S. Brown.	
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	Wm. T. Choate	S. Watson Drew	C. Converse	Henry Taylor	C. Cummings.
Oriental,	" 10,	E. W. Bumstead	Benj. F. Deane	David Russell	Edward Goodwin	J. B. Frost, Jr.
Mechanics',	" 11,	George C. Roundy	Lucius A. Cutler	Joseph Merrill	James T. Hardy	Asa Hildreth.
Bethel,	" 12,	R. W. Newton	J. A. Estabrook	J. P. Saunders	James H. Shepard.	
Nazarene,	" 13,	G. E. Winslow	Horace F. Clark	W. S. Brackinbridge	Samuel Walker	E. Sturtivant.
Bunker Hill,	" 14,	John B. Wilson	David Leavitt	E. J. Titcomb	P. S. Briggs	John A. Smith.
Tremont,	" 15,	C. S. McClellen	Joseph Rowe	H. Colman, Jr.	E. Kingsbury	Nathan Morse.
Covenant,	" 16,	Carmi E. King	Jonathan Pierce	Robert W. Wright	E. R. Clark	D. E. Metcalf.
Middlesex,	" 17,	James George	Geo. P. Cox	J. A. Grammar	Edward Robinson.	
Warren,	" 18,	Thomas Hiller	Jos. Cracklin	Wm. Carlisle	Thomas Laha	Luther Bullock.
Monument,	" 19,	John A. Russell	Joseph Howe	Chas. K. Tucker	J. M. Coburn	A. W. Bryant.
Friendship,	" 20,	John B. Cook	A. Chamberlain	George G. Belcher	Thomas J. Leland	Geo. F. Tarbell.
Fidelity,	" 21,	James Bell	Wm. Justin Hill	C. B. Clark	Wm. McNamara	G. Barnard.
Howard,	" 22,	Joseph Caldwell	Jacob Crowingshield	Robert B. Edes, Jr.	Edward Harding	Francis Sisson.
Franklin,	" 23,	A. M. McPhail, Jr.	William Marble	Alfred A. Lane	H. G. Jennings	C. G. Wells.
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	John F. Desmazes	Moses Nowell	Charles Howard	James Gurney	P. R. Merriam.
Boston,	" 25,	Wm. B. May	Fred. P. Ingalls	Augustus L. West	Charles H. Pierce.	
Essex,	" 26,	Benj. S. Grush	John W. Rhoades	Benj. S Boardman	E. B. Symonds	N. Goldsmith.
Hampden,	" 27,	James Wilson	Joel Hoskins	Lucius C. Atlen	Geo. W. Swazey.	
Oberlin,	" 28,	John A. Nourse	Eliphalet Hills	A. Wilder	Francis Bush	Sydney Davis.
Columbian,	" 29,	H. N. Wyeth	Alonzo V. Lynde	Dexter Bucknam	Brown Sweetzer.	

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LODGES.	N. G.	V. G.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	P. SECRETARY.
Bethesda, No.	30, Charles Sampson	Daniel Hall	Wm. A. Butters	Hiram A. Bowles	T. S. Trout.
Lafayette, "	31, George Hill	Leonard P. Frost	Joel Barnard, Jr.	Wm. McMaster	Joseph Gould.
Ancient Landm'k, "	32, B. B. Gore	Geo. B. Davis	G. W. Badger	A. S. Bird	H. B. Hersey.
Montezuma, "	33, Wm. A. Bell	Henry A. Scudder	George R. Field	Wm. B. Fessenden	Harvey Lincoln.
Hope, "	34, M. W. Bowen.	E. M. Sweatt	S. H. Wise	S. E. Foss	A. W. Carlton.
Prospect, "	35, John Pike	Charles Harrington	Jos. C. Derby	Samuel R. Viles	A. M. Garfield.
Maverick, "	36, Alexander Hichborn	Darius B. Kidder	Warren Jenness	John Pierce	Geo. Butts.
Shawmut, "	37, James B. Davis	Joel M. Holden	N. G. Snelling	G. W. Pope	Edwin Jennings.
Souhegan, "	38, Lewis Fairbanks	John Winship	Samuel Kingman	Charles Davis.	
Quascacunquen, "	39, John Coombs	Samuel B. Gilman	D. D. Ackerman	Enoch Gerrish	Alfred W. Lord.
Bay State, "	40, Wm. Bassett	J. Q. Hammond	J. F. Kimball	Joseph Edwards, Jr.	S. C. Pitman.
Accushnet, "	41, James S. Barney	Wm. L. Gerrish	Jackson Lewis	Benjamin Evans	Ferdinand Vassault.
Pacifick, "	42, George Leighton	Isaac R. Butts	John L. Howard	C. H. G. Chapin	H. Davis.
Quinsigamond, "	43, Timothy S. Stone	David W. Cook	G. McFarland	Fitzroy Willard	J. S. Wesby.
King Philip, "	44, Lemuel T. Talbot	Chas. R. Olney	J. P. Crane	Joseph Swasey	A. B. Crane.
Framingham, "	45, Joseph Fuller	N. E. Morrill	Thos. W. Bailey	W. H. Shepard	A. R. Johnson.
Tisquantum, "	46, Wm. P. Haven	James H. Barker	D. B. Rockwood.	S. Sumner	Charles K. Scribner.
Macedonian, "	47, Charles C. Corey	C. M. Butterfield	Albion S. Willard	David Reed.	
Norfolk, "	48, Wm. Withington	Solomon H. Willis	Elijah French	Jacob G. French.	
Veritas, "	49, Asa W. Farr	Ira M. Chase	C. W. Blanchard	Jonathan Rice	C. W. Durgin.
Concord, "	50, Lorenzo Eaton	Ephraim W. Bull	E. C. Wetherbee	H. D. Tuck.	
Mystic, "	51, John E. Wilder	H. R. W. Palmer	John H. Shearer	Geo. W. Wells.	
Agawam, "	52, Isaac Osgood	J. A. Newman	John Kimball, 3d.	John Wade.	
Hobah, "	53, Howard A. Doe	Thos. Hill, Jr.	F. F. Lundsteen	J. H. Tombs	Albert Capen.
May Flower, "	54, Joseph B. Brown	Lemuel Bradford, Jr.	Samuel H. Doten	O. F. Alderman.	
Atlantic, "	55, John Adams	Benj. G. Hathaway	Elisha Pole	J. C Cloutman	John Conway, Jr.
Worcester, "	56, George A. Hamilton	Wm. N. Green	Wm. C. Head	C. Whitcomb	L. R. Hapgood.
Berkshire, "	57, L. Murray Crane	Geo. R. Groot	A. J. Lewis	J. Carter	R. R. Kingsley.
Elliot, "	58, Edmund Bacon	George Gould	Heman Crosby	David Legro.	
Takewambait, "	59, Levi Gerrish	Curtis Parker	Wm. L. Jackson	A. F. Gurney.	
Harvard, "	60, J. M. Whitney	A. W. Nelson	G. Whitcomb	J. Cardner.	
Nonotuck, "	61, S. S. Wells	A. S. Peck	M. G. Maise	J. Beals, Jr.	
St. John's, "	62, Wm. P. Winckley	Jonathan C. Bowker	G. G. Robinson	Daniel Chapman	B. C. Whitcomb.
Mount Hope, "	63, C. W. Tillinghast	Amos D. McCoy	A. J. Wakefield	James Ford, 2d.	

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LODGES.	N. G.	V. G.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	P. SECRETARY.
Shawsheene,	No. 64, Charles H. Hill	John J. Gorham	John M. Dane	O. M. Blodgett	Cornelius Sweetzer.
Golden Rule,	" 65, Henry Kittredge	John R. Nicholas	Levi Swain, jr	Luke Vincent	Wm. Bacon.
Nantucket,	" 66, Andrew J. Morton	George F. Worth	Frederick A. Chase	James Thompson	Edward F. Easton.
Pocomptuck,	" 67, William Keith	P. P. Severance	S. H. Shirley	G. B. Alverson.	
Harmony,	" 68, Peleg Ford	Elisha Stetson	S. S. Green, jr	George Clark.	
Massasoit,	" 69, B. G. Green	T. S. Mitchell	George F. Parish	Oakes S. Soule	C. H. Packard.
Quinobequin,	" 70, S. E. Boyden	Jos. E. Pond	Charles C. Capen	Sandford Carroll	C. C. Churchill.
Groton,	" 71, James H. Loring	Timothy Vinton		E. S. Clark	Charles Blood.
North Stoughton,	" 72, Ezra Stearns	William Page	J. Fitts	Eliab Pratt.	
Wachusett,	" 73, Marshall D. Eaton	Wm. C. Wilson	C. H. Carruth	Elisha Nye.	
Woronoco,	" 74, Charles K. Bingham	Jasper R. Rand	Geo. W. Fowler	Samuel Mather	Joseph Root.
Pilgrim,	" 75, Daniel Lara	J. B. Hutchinson	Elbridge Whiting	H. Penniman	Hector Foster.
Rising Star,	" 76, J. P. D. Wilkins	Levi Mann, 2d	Daniel Howard	R. Stephens	Wm. D. Daggett.
Unity,	" 77, Levi Chubbuck	James S. Wilson	F. W. Wade	J. L. Halworth	S. D. Willis.
Olive Branch,	" 78, Elbridge Brown	Augustus H. Cole	W. W. Wheildon	Alexander McFarland	B. W. Eldredge.
Hockomocko,	" 79, Benjamin B. Nourse	John F. Estabrook	George Forbes	Wm. S. Rathburn.	
Mount Wollaston,	" 80, John B. Currier	Samuel H. Davis	Orange Clark	Jos. W. Robertson	Quincy Bicknell, jr.
Weweantit,	" 81, R. W. Hammatt	James Willet	John S. Bates	West Luce.	
Crescent,	" 82, B. F. Pratt	Prescott Lathrop	Elisha Pratt	Stephen Cain.	
Mutual Relief,	" 83, Joshua Sawyer	Charles B. Hall	Wm. Taggart	Jonathan Crowell	Wm. B. Eaton.
Neponset,	" 84, Edward Holden	Sylvester H. Hebard	Isaac Swan	Wm. F. Temple.	
Marlboro',	" 85, Leander Bigelow	John Chipman	Sullivan Baker	John Holyoke.	
Leominster,	" 86, B. S. Nicholls	Joel W. Fletcher	Augustus Morse	W. H. Young.	
Excelsior,	" 87, John Waterhouse	H. H. Sumner	John Mann	Samuel B. Leonard.	
Union,	" 88, George Reynolds	Lyman Parsons	Warren Bolcom	Chester Morse.	
Lancaster,	" 89, W. A. Town	N. S. Robinson	J. W. Phelps	C. H. Robinson.	
Powow River,	" 90, J. R. Chesswell	Isaac Gunnison	John Rowell	Wm. Pecker.	
Ocean,	" 91, W. P. Dolliver	T. S. Lancaster	Richard Gardner	Jos. J. Proctor	Thomas Ireland, jr.
Tihonet,	" 92, W. H. Marston	James W. Fish	Charles Southack	Jos. Miller.	
Blue Hill,	" 93, Charles W. Marden	Jeremiah Kollock	V. J. Messenger	V. A. Messenger	James T. Sumner.
Mount Auburn,	" 94, John Balch	T. J. Whittemore	Elliot Bowdoin	Joshua R. Pettingill.	
Lowell,	" 95, James Hopkins	Wm. F. Smith	Howard A. Streeter	Mark H. Doe.	
Marine,	" 96, Ebenezer Smith	Joseph P. Johnson	Sabine M. Smith	Stephen Hilliard	Josiah S. Fuller.
Commercial,	" 97, James Perkins	J. G. Calrow	Alex. Wentworth	John J. Sullivan	S. Clark Bixby.

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LODGES.	*N. G.*	*V. G.*	*SECRETARY.*	*TREASURER.*	*P. SECRETARY.*
Mt. Roulstone, No. 98,	P. M. Gibbs	C. J. Billings	Charles Fessenden	Edward Aldrich.	
Rising Sun, " 99,	Joseph C. Lovering	L. P. Coburn	J. Bullard, 2d	Arnold Smith	M. E. Thomson.
Oneco, " 100,	M. B. Bryant	John A. Brown	C. A. Stewart	Charles B. Butler	Elisha Harris.
Pulaski, " 101,	David B. Bell	Erastus Dennis, jr	Loring Cowles	Melvin Webster.	
Hassanamesitt, " 102,	John W. Slocumb	Wm. L. Lewis	Charles E. Aldrich	Frederick Waterman	John Bigelow.
Fredonian, " 103,	N. C. Munson	J. H. Streeter	E. D. Bancroft	Frederick Flagg.	
Holten, " 104,	George R. Carleton	Wm. Calder	Charles Estes	F. A. Merrill	Wm. S. Tullock.
Evergreen, " 105,	Jefferson French	Wm. H. Blodget	Elbridge F. Perry	E. W. Blood.	
BlackstoneRiver, " 106,	John B. Salisbury	M. S. Scott	Wm. R. Salisbury	Lyman Paine.	
Aurora, " 107,	J. D. Pierce	J. C. Booram	H. M. Richards	A. C. Tifft.	
Old Colony, " 108,	J. W. Talbot	Wm. Hichborn	Bela Whiton	Henry Siders	Enos Loring.
Adelphic, " 109,	Joseph N. McGee	John J. Crandal	Hugh B. Miller	Sol. W. Gleason	Adam C. Dean.
Mattakesett, " 110,	Lewis Hunt	Peleg Cook	Seth E. Bartlett	Samuel Knowles.	
Wrentham, " 111,	James D. Lincoln	S. J. Townsend	Caleb W. Sayles	Hollis Pond.	
Eagle, " 114,	Edwin Fairbanks	Wm. Fairbanks	Alonzo H. Keith	Silas Minek.	
Nonantum, " 116,	Bernard Snow	Isaac Farrington	F. A. Hall	H. W. Sanborn.	

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QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Held at the City of Boston, November 6th, 1846.

COVENANT HALL, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened at its Quarterly Session at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present—

E. M. P. WELLS,	M. W. Grand Master.
J. M. USHER,	R. W. D. Grand Master.
I. W. BEARD,	R. W. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
WM. H. JONES,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
HEZEKIAH PRINCE,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
WM. E. PARMENTER, JOSEPH L. DREW,	R. W. G. Representatives.
JOHN R. MULLIN,	Grand Conductor.
A. P. RICHARDSON,	Grand Guardian.

Prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

Voted, That the reading of the proceedings of the Annual Session be dispensed with, and that they be approved.

Voted, To suspend the Rules of Order for the purpose of receiving and referring a petition for a Lodge in Lowell.

Voted, To refer the petition to a special Committee of three.

The M. W. G. Master appointed Bros. A. P. Richardson, Raynolds, and Charles H. White.

The M. W. G. Master appointed Bros. N. M. George and J. R. Mullin to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Elections and Returns, *pro tem.*

Bro. A. P. Richardson resigned the Office of Grand Guardian, and the M. W. G. Master appointed Bro. A. B. Munroe to fill the vacancy occasioned by his resignation.

Voted, To suspend the rules of order for the purpose of receiving communications.

Whereupon a communication received from the Board of Relief of the Boston Lodges was read, and ordered on file.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

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Committee of Finance—Bros. Wm. E. Parmenter, David Ayres, and J. Snelling.

Committee of Correspondence—Bros. William Hilliard, Brewster Reynolds, and Caleb Rand.

Voted, To suspend the rules of order for the purpose of receiving Appeals.

The appeal of Bro. Daniel L. Richardson, a suspended member of Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, was then read, and on motion, it was referred to a Special Committee of three. The Chair appointed Bros. Guild, Clap, and Lowdon.

The Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was accepted and referred to Bros. Parmenter, W. T. Davis, and A. B. Ely.

REPORT ON ELECTIONS AND RETURNS.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, respectfully submits the following Report.

The Returns of the following Lodges are correct, viz,—Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 58, 60, 63, 65, 66, 67, 71, 73, 76, 77, 78, 80, 82, 84, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 98, 102, 103, 104, 108, 110, 111, 115.

The Returns of the following are incorrect and cause assigned.

Fidelity, No. 21, King Philip, 44, Pacifick, 42, Berkshire, 57, Shawsheene, 64, N. Stoughton, 72, Woronoco, 74, Pilgrim, 75, Hockomocko, 79, Powow River, 90, Lowell, 95, Oneco, 100, Pulaski, 101, Evergreen, 105, Blackstone River, 106, Aurora, 107, Stony Brook, 112. Error in the standing of members.

Crystal Fount, No. 9, Agawam, 52, Massasoit, 69. Incorrect in whole number and standing of members.

The Returns from the following Lodges could not be examined, the last quarterly reports having been sent back for correction and not returned, viz, Bethel, 12, Warren, 18, Essex, 26, Atlantic, 55, Harmony, 68, Quinobequin, 70, Rising Sun, 99, Adelphic, 109, Eagle, 114.

Monument, No. 19, cannot be examined. Two previous quarterly Reports incorrect ; sent back for correction and not returned.

Leominster, No. 86, has been received, but it is so imperfect, that it cannot be entered even on the quarterly Report. It is without date, Percentage is allowed the Grand Lodge on degrees conferred, and on one Initiation, but no record of the name of the Brother initiated given, or of the degrees conferred. It is also incorrect in the whole number and standing of members.

Nonotuck, 61, and St. John's, 62. Error in Percentage.

Bay State, 40, is correct if the Brother expelled was a Scarlet member.

Worcester, 56, cannot be examined. The degree of the Brother withdrawn from the Order not given, also error in whole number of members, and is without the seal of the Lodge.

Mechanics', 11, error in standing of members, error in amount of receipts, the signatures of the N. G. and V. G. wanting ; and is without date.

Veritas, 49, cannot be examined. The degree attained by the Brothers admitted by card and suspended not given ; also error in whole number and standing of members ; and is without date.

Neptune, 113, cannot be examined. The standing of the petitioners at the time of the Institution of the Lodge, not given.

Mutual Relief, 83, cannot be examined. The degree attained by the Brother expelled, not given ; also error in number and standing of members.

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Commercial, 97, error in amount of receipts.

Nonantum, 116, cannot be examined. The last Report sent back for correction, not having been returned: also error in percentage; seal wanting; and the degree attained by Brothers withdrawn by card, not given.

Union, 88, error in percentage, and in whole number and standing of members.

Excelsior, 87, signature of V. G. wanting.

Oberlin, 28, without date, and incorrect in whole number and standing of members.

Middlesex, 17, without seal or date.

Weweantit, 81, no date.

Concord, 50, cannot be examined. The degrees attained by Brothers admitted and withdrawn by card and suspended, not given; error in whole number and standing of members; error in Percentage, and no date.

The Returns from all the Lodges have been received, except Framingham, 45, Takewambait, 59 and Marlboro' 85, in District No. 28, under the charge of D. D. G. M. John Hoyt; and of Marine Lodge, No. 96, of District No. 42, under the charge of D. D. G. M. E. Partridge; the reason why the latter report has not been returned to the Grand Secretary, will be seen by reference to that part of this Report relating to delinquent D. D. Grand Masters.

The following is an abstract from the Quarterly Returns of all the Lodges, under this jurisdiction, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, with the exception of Districts Nos 28 and 42 and Leominster Lodge, No. 86, which has been reported too imperfect to enter on the report, viz,—

No. of	Initiations,	388
	Rejections,	16
	Admitted by Card,	87
	Withdrawn by Card,	89
	Reinstated,	4
	Suspended,	71
	Expelled,	9
	Deaths,	16
	Degrees conferred,	1753
	Past Grands,	726
	Scarlet Members,	6666
	Contributing Members,	11802
Amount of	Receipts,	$17,130,20
	due Grand Lodge,	394,30
	paid benefits, of Brothers,	8,188,66
	paid Funeral benefits,	910,00
	paid other Charitable purposes,	1,931,53

At the Annual Session, August, 1846, the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to the time to be allowed the D. D. Grand Masters to send to the Grand Secretary the Returns of Subordinate Lodges under their charge, submitted the following Report which was accepted and recommendation adopted.

"*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as related to the Returns of D. D. Grand Masters, beg leave to Report:

That in their opinion each D. D. Grand Master should be required to make their Quarterly Returns to the Grand Secretary within two weeks after the Installation of the officers in their respective Lodges; and if they fail so to do, they shall pay Five Dollars as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable circumstance."

It becomes my duty, therefore, to report to this R. W. Grand Body, the names of such D. D. G. Masters as have failed to comply with the above requisition, together with the amount due from them for fines, and to ask for instructions as to the manner of collecting them.

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The following is a List of the Lodges whose Returns were not received by the Grand Secretary until after the time specified in the above Report. Also, a list of the D. D. Grand Masters under whose charge the Lodges are, and the amount of fines for which each D. D. Grand Master is made liable, by the adoption of the above Report:

Lodges.	*No.*	*Dist.*	*Due.*	*Rec'd.*	*D. D. G. M.*	*Am't.*	*Total.*
Souhegan,	38,	No. 8,	Oct. 19,	Oct. 28,	John G. Adams,	$5,00	
Middlesex,	17,	8,	" 21,	" 28,	"	5,00	
							10,00
Crystal Fount,	9,	12,	" 19,	" 24,	Leo. Thompson,	5,00	
Columbian,	29,	12,	" 20,	" 24,	"	5,00	
Golden Rule,	65,	12,	" 20,	" 24,	"	5,00	
							15,00
Mechanics',	11,	15,	" 16,	" 24,	Hargraves Lord,	5,00	
Oberlin,	28,	15,	" 20,	" 24,	"	5,00	
Veritas,	49,	15,	" 21,	" 24,	"	5,00	
							15,00
Quinobequin,	70,	17,	" 15,	" 18,	Eliph't Stone,		5,00
Accushnet,	41,	23,	" 21,	" 23,	Isaac C. Taber,	5,00	
Weweantit,	81,	23,	" 19,	" 23,	"	5,00	
							10,00
Framingham,	45,	28,	" 21,	*not rec'd,*	John Hoyt,	5,00	
Takewambait,	59,	28,	" 20,	*not rec'd,*	"	5,00	
Marlboro',	85,	28,	" 16,	*not rec'd,*	"	5,00	
							15,00
Hockomocko,	79,	30,	" 20,	Oct. 28,	Hiram Haven,	5,00	
Pulaski,	101,	30,	" 20,	" 28,	"	5,00	
Eagle,	114,	30,	" 16,	" 28,	"	5,00	
							15,00
Worcester,	56,	29,	" 16,	" 21,	G. H. Goodnow,	5,00	
Quinsigamond,	43,	29,	" 19,	" 21,	"	5,00	
Hassanamesitt,	102,	29,	" 19,	" 22,	"	5,00	
							15,00
Nonotuck,	61,	35,	" 19,	" 27,	A. F. Stone,	5,00	
Pocomtuck,	67,	35,	" 20,	" 27,	"	5,00	
Adelphic,	109,	35,	" 15,	" 27,	"	5,00	
							15,00
Berkshire,	57,	36,	" 20,	" 24,	Thos. Hassard,	5,00	
Oneco,	100,	36,	" 21,	" 24,	"	5,00	
							10,00
Ocean,	91,	39,	" 21,	" 31,	C. E. Grover,		5,00

Since the above was written, I have received a letter from Dr. A. F. Stone, D. D. G. Master for District No. 35, in which he states that circumstances beyond his control have prevented his sending the Quarterly Reports within the time required. Bro. Haven, D. D. G. Master of District No. 30, has also informed me that in consequence of the meeting of two Lodges in his District on the same evening, the officers of Hockomocko Lodge, No. 79, were not installed until the 13th. The Return from that Lodge was received on the 28th, in season to exempt him from the fine.

The Report from Marine Lodge, No. 96, has not been received. The D. D. G. Master not having received official notice of his appointment until about two weeks after the first meeting in the quarter of that Lodge; the time allowed him to make his return has not yet expired, and consequently he is not made liable for the fine.

It has been my custom to furnish the members of the Grand Lodge, at its sessions, with a printed quarterly report of the Returns of the subordinates under its jurisdiction. This I have not done at this Session, as I intend that at a proper time, the subject of Printing shall be brought before the Grand

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Lodge, when a statement of some of the facts in relation thereto, will be made, and the subject submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JONES, G. Secretary,

Chm'n Ex-officio of the Com. on Elections and Returns.

BOSTON, Nov. 5, 1846.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported upon the Certificates of Past Grands, which were found correct.

Voted, To accept the Report and admit and instruct them in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees.

The Committee also reported the Certificates of the Past Grands from Columbian, Suffolk, and New England Lodges, as *incorrect.*

Voted, To admit and instruct the Past Grands from those Lodges.

An appeal was presented from Bro. Joseph Burnstill, of Worcester Lodge, from the decision of Quinsigamond Lodge, No. 43, which was read, and on motion, referred to a Committee of three, viz: Bros. Paige, Harrington, and Peirce.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands Aug. 6th, 1846,	$ 3106 91	
He has received from the G. Secretary, - - -	550 00	
		$ 3656 91
He has paid for which he produces vouchers, - -	946 81	
Balance in his hands, Nov. 6th, - - - -	2710 10	
		$3656 91

The G. Secretary had in his hands Aug. 4th, 1846, -	127 35	
He has since received, - - - - - -	648 43	
		775 78
He has paid the Grand Treasurer, - - - -	550 00	
He has paid incidental expenses, - - - -	199 73	
Balance Nov. 4th, - - - - - - - -	26 05	
		775 78

WM. E. PARMENTER, *for the Committee.*

The Grand Secretary submitted his Quarterly Report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

DR. WM. H. JONES, Grand Secretary, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. of O. F.

1846.	Aug. 4.	To balance on hand, - - - - -	$ 127 35
	Aug. 6.	To cash received of Marble Lodge, No. 117, for Charter fee, - - - - -	30 00
	Nov. 4.	To cash rec'd at sundry times, from Aug. 4th to date, for Quarterly dues, State and Visiting Cards, &c.,* - - - - -	618 43
			775 78

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Cr.	1846.	Sept. 24.	By paid Grand Treasurer,	$ 150 00	
		Oct. 20.	" " " "	200 00	
		Oct. 26.	" " " "	100 00	
		Nov. 4.	" " " "	100 00	
		Nov. 4.	By paid Quarterly Salary,	175 00	
		Nov. 4.	By paid expenses pertaining to office from Aug. 4, to date, - - -	24 73	
			Balance on hand, - -	26 05	
					775 78
Dr.	Nov. 4.	To balance on hand, - -		$ 26 05	

WM. H. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

Boston, November 4th, 1846.

*Cards, Stereotypes, and Books, - - -	$ 102 43	
Quarterly dues, - - - - - - -	516 00	
		$ 618 43

The Grand Treasurer presented his Report, the details of which corresponded with the Report of the Finance Committee.

Past Grands were then admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

[*For List, see end of Session.*]

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his Quarterly Communication, with accompanying documents, which was read, and, on motion, referred to a Committee of three, for the purpose of dividing the subjects therein contained in such manner that they may be separately considered by this Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed Bros. C. H. White, Edwin Brown, and W. W. Barker.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

My Brothers:—I congratulate you on the expiration of one quarter of our present administration. This expiring quarter demands of us, as it takes its leave, What hast thou done?

It becomes my duty to lay before you the answer to this question. I proceed, therefore, to state, as briefly as may be, my official acts in connexion with those of my Counsel, the Board of Grand Officers, and my Deputies, for the quarter just ended.

At the last meeting of this body, sundry matters were referred to the Board of Grand Officers, with power to act, viz.: 1st. Page 338: "To arrange the Districts." 2d. Page 344: "To procure an appropriate Jewel for the P. G. M." 3d. Page 344: "To hire the room adjoining that now occupied as the office of this Grand Lodge, and furnish the same; and, should the Grand Encampment wish a part thereof, or privilege therein, they be authorized to lease the same for such sum as they may deem expedient." 4th. Page 344: "To procure a hall for the meeting of this Grand Lodge."

I called a meeting of the Board on the 11th of August, to attend to this business, at which our 115 working Lodges were divided into 42 Districts, for which I appointed the corresponding number of D. D. G. M.'s, for which divisions and appointments see printed Proceedings of this body for the August Term, except for Districts No. 8, 16, 18, 31, 33, and 35; the appointments of which being declined, I have since appointed for District No. 8, George T. Barney, of Middlesex Lodge; for District No. 16, W. W. Barker, of Crescent

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Lodge; for District No. 18, A. B. Ely, of Massachusetts Lodge; for District No. 31, Clark Partridge, of Tisquantum Lodge; for District No. 33, B. V. Stevenson, of Wachusett Lodge; and for District No. 35, A. F. Stone, of Pocomptuck Lodge. We also made arrangements to procure the P. G. M.'s Jewel, which has been done. Also, to hire the room adjoining our office, at a rent of $100 per annum. To lease the use in common of both rooms to the Grand Encampment, at a rent of $100 per annum, (so that our expense of rents is not increased,) and to furnish the room for about $100. The fourth item of business, the procuring of a less noisy room for our meeting on this occasion, has been attended to, but without success, in consequence of the great increase of expense in procuring such an one as would authorize the removal.

At the same meeting of the Board, application was made to us for the loan of $500 of our funds, on a mortgage of real estate at Northampton. The land to be mortgaged as security, was found to be ample, without the buildings thereon. They were, however, insured against fire, the policy being in the keeping of the Grand Warden, and the papers made out to the Grand Treasurer, in trust for the Grand Master, as such.

On the 2d of September, I dedicated, by my Deputy, Charles H. White, the new Hall for the use of Lancaster Lodge, No. 89, by the name of Nashaway Hall.

On the 17th of September, with others of the Board of Grand Officers, I was present at the great gathering of Odd Fellows in the City of Philadelphia, at which Massachusetts was honorably and numerously represented; and I take this opportunity to tender the thanks of the Grand Master to the Grand Marshal of the Massachusetts delegation on that day, for his laborious and faithful services on that trying occasion. It gives me great pleasure to state that your Grand Officers were politely furnished with carriages for the procession and tickets for the levee.

I take this occasion, also, to suggest the propriety of not allowing our State Banner to be used, except when suspended upon its frame, or lying flat in its case, or a box of its size, as it is too valuable to be exposed to the injury consequent on being packed closely.

Sept. 29th. My Deputy of the first District granted a dispensation to Shawmut Lodge to confer the five Degrees on Br. A. P. Chapman "the same evening, urgent necessity having been proved."

Sept. 30th. I granted a dispensation to Washington Lodge, No. 5, to confer the five degrees on three Brothers.

Oct. 7th. In consequence of my Deputy, A. J. P. Whitcomb, of District No. 10, being unable to attend to the duty, I installed the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 5, assisted by my Bro. Horace Williams, as Deputy, for a part of my official duties.

Oct. 9th. I dedicated the new Hall for the use of Fredonian Lodge, by the name of Fredonian Hall.

Oct. 14th. I received from Woronoco Lodge, No. 74, Westfield, a communication requesting permission to publish in the Westfield Standard, a letter from the Rev. J. Ricketts, in consequence of the following circumstances.

On the 29th June, the said Ricketts was initiated into their Lodge, and owing, as it would seem, to the strong disapprobation shown by some members of his communion, on account of his having united with the Order, he addressed the following letter to the Lodge at their next meeting:

"*To the members of Woronoco Lodge, in Westfield, assembled July* 7, 1846.

Dear Brothers:—To you it is known that last Monday evening I united with you, and I can assure you that I saw nor heard anything during my initiation which I considered improper, or in the least objectionable. But such is my relation to the church as a minister of the gospel, and the feelings of the people of my charge, that I am led from a sense of duty to dissolve my connexion with your honorable body. To my vows I shall forever keep.

Dear Brothers, such are my circumstances, that, if it would not violate your constitution, and if it is agreeable to minds of the brethren to refund my money, it would be very thankfully received.

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) John Ricketts."

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Simultaneously there appeared in the Standard an editorial article, intimating that Mr. Ricketts had left the Order in consequence of his disapprobation of it. On the strength of his letter to the Lodge, it was denied in conversation that Mr. R. did disapprove of the Order. Mr. Ricketts was then requested to state in the Standard the facts in the case—on which he endeavored to take such a course as would not falsify his letter to the Lodge, and at the same time satisfy the members of his communion. The result was, as is usual in such cases—he offended both parties. This produced such a degree of excitement, and in him of irritation, that he came out in the next Standard with the most decided and bitter denunciations against the Order, declaring that he was thrown into so great dread by "the awful terrors" of the initiation, "as to disqualify him to form a fair and proper judgment upon the matter." At this state of the case the communication from the Lodge, requesting permission to publish his letter, was written.

I laid the subject before a meeting of the Board, by whom it was recommended to grant their request to publish Mr. R.'s letter, with a short communication, prepared by the Board, which was to be final on their part. I also addressed them a letter, urging upon them forbearance, gentleness, and good will. These papers will be laid before you, marked (A.)

Oct. 20. I granted a dispensation to Covenant Lodge to confer the five Degrees on a brother.

Oct. 22. I dedicated, by my Deputy, Bro. Charles H. White, a new Hall for the use of Marlboro' Lodge.

The subject I would next allude to, has come before you on a former occasion, with reference to another Lodge. But I deem it my duty to call your attention to Section 4, Article 9, of the By-Laws of Franklin Lodge, No. 23, (see document marked B.) in which, speaking of offences committed by their own members, they add, "If he be a visitor, he shall never enter the Lodge again, unless complying with the above rule." It is evident that our Order intends to maintain a catholicity throughout their jurisdiction, so that members of different Lodges can visit each other, by complying with certain constitutional regulations. For an individual Lodge to add to these requirements, would be to introduce a system of nullification against the Federal Constitution of the Order. Their redress must be to prefer charges against the offender to his own Lodge.

I call your attention next to the Reports of the D. D.'s, so far as they have been received.

District No. 1 is reported to be in a prosperous condition, with the exception of the funds of two of the Lodges. "The financial affairs of Massachusetts and Montezuma Lodges (says the Report) are not in as prosperous condition as might be wished. The gross receipts of the former exceeds but little the amount paid for benefits and special votes of relief, and the entire receipts of the latter fall short of the amount expended for those purposes. Each of these Lodges, however, have quite a large fund;—the Massachusetts a fund of more than $4,000; the Montezuma a fund rising $2,000."

Report of District No. 2 was received too late to give its principal suggestion the attention it deserves respecting the financial concerns. As I shall, however, have occasion to comment on the same general subject at large, it is less important.

Report of District No. 3 makes no comment.

Report of District No. 4 states that the attendance at the Lodge meetings "has not been as general as could be desired;" but that good order "harmony, and good-will prevails among the members of the different Lodges."

Report of District No. 5 says, "The spirit of harmony, as well as the friendly connexions which exist between them (the Lodges) is worthy of all praise."

Report of District No. 6 not received.

District No. 7 is stated to be prosperous, "the only strife existing appears to be which can best work and best agree."

Report of District No. 8 makes no comment.

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District No. 9 is reported to be in good condition, though but little work has been done the past quarter.

District No. 10 has nothing reported of it requiring comment.

Report of District No. 11 not received.

It is stated of District No, 12, that Golden Rule Lodge is small, and has made no additions the past quarter ; but that in good order and good spirit this Lodge excels. Columbian Lodge is stated to have suffered much from sickness and affliction.

Report of District No. 13 not received.

District No. 14 is reported favorably of. "Merrimack Lodge, (says the Report) is truly one of the veteran Lodges, having withstood the terrible opposition that assailed our Order in our early history. Among their P. G's are one P. G. Master and P. D. G. Master."

Districts Nos. 15 and 16 are reported as doing well.

Report of District No. 17 makes no comment.

Reports of Districts Nos. 18 and 19 not received.

Reports of District No. 20 gives us the good intelligence that "Groton Lodge is in a much more prosperous condition," and likely to discharge all its debts.

Report of District No. 21,—no comment of importance is made.

District No. 22 is reported in a prosperous condition. The difficulties with which Excelsior Lodge has had to contend "from without" "have passed harmlessly by."

Report of District No. 23 not received.

Report of District No. 24 reports all doing well.

In District No. 25, two Lodges are reported as irregular in voting, and one in the work. The Report recommends an annual meeting of all the D. Deputies, in order to correct any irregularities in the work.

District No. 26 is reported to be in a promising condition.

Report of District No. 27. "The Cape (says the Report) speaks well for Odd Fellowship ;" "and the Lodges are particularly careful whom they receive into their midst."

Report of District No. 28 not received.

District No. 29 is reported to be very prosperous. Grafton Lodge unusually so.

District No. 30 is reported to be doing very well, except Hockomocko Lodge No. 79, whose condition is critical, owing to the fact, that, while yet in her opening prosperity, four Lodges were chartered too near her, and thus they have drawn off from her many of their numbers and most of their resources. A petition from this Lodge will be laid before you, marked (B.)

Report of District No. 31 not received.

District No. 32 is reported to be "free from internal dissensions and local troubles," and that their "great uniformity and accuracy in the work deserves commendation."

Report of District No. 33. In Nazarene Lodge it is stated there have been no initiation, owing to a difficulty between two of its members, Several stand ready to be proposed as soon as the difficulty is settled. What this difficulty is, is not stated. It ought to have been, and I suggest the propriety of its here being inquired into.

Report of District No. 34 not received.

The Report from District No. 36 states that "the Lodges therein are probably in as prosperous a state as any in the Commonwealth." "There is not however, that uniformity in the work (says the Report) which I should be glad to witness, and which it shall be my aim to promote." In thus having the subject of uniformity in the work alluded to, I take this opportunity to recommend that the Bible be retained in all our Lodges, as a necessary part of the furnishing of the Lodge, agreeable to the recommendation of the Grand Secretary of the U. S. * * * * * * * * * * This usage is not inconsistent with any regulation, and it will be, I think, highly salutary in giving * * * *, as I am happy to say from my acquaintance with our Brotherhood in Massachusetts, that there is not a fanatical and bigoted, but a healthful reverence for the great landmarks and institutions of our religion.

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The Report of District No. 35 further suggests "the propriety of summoning all the D. D. G. Masters in the State to meet the officers of the Grand Lodge for instruction at least once a year."

Reports of Districts Nos. 36 and 37 not received.

Report of District No. 33 makes no particular comments.

The Deputy of District No. 39 wishes to correct an unfavorable impression liable to be made by the Report of the Deputy of his District for the preceding quarter, in which it was stated that "Ocean Lodge have spent all their funds to fit up their hall." He therefore remarks that "at the time of said report, Ocean Lodge did not owe a dollar, and had between two and three hundred dollars in funds."

Of District No. 40 nothing of importance is reported.

Report of District No. 41 states that "Nantucket Lodge, which constitutes this District, suffered much by the late fire, and that it issued a circular to the Lodges, which, in many instances, has been nobly responded to.

Report of District No. 42 is not received.

Since the completing of my Report I have received the Report of the D. D. of District No. 19, in which I am informed that Lafayette Lodge of said District has refunded the initiation fee of their Chaplain, which, being contrary to our regulations, it is my duty to report to you.

I have thus given you a brief digest of all the subjects of interest in the Reports received up to yesterday. These reports are at your disposal, marked (C.)

In calling your attention to the state of the Order in Massachusetts, I am aware, that, at first blush, it will appear to be in a less prosperous condition than it has been the few years past. We may, however, remember that all the heat, excitement, and huzzaing at the commencement of a race, are not so much a proof of valor as the steady though quiet perseverance of the middle of the course. It is this which gives hope of "enduring to the end." The flush of prosperity *looks* gayer, but does not prove soundness like the enduring of adversity. The merry noise of the builders of a hospital sounds more as if something was doing, than does the quiet and order of its wards, after it is filled with the sick and suffering. Yet the real excellence is more in the latter than in the former. Thus we, in the bustle and excitement of erecting our edifice by the initiation of numbers, seem to be doing more than now, whilst we are engaged in taking care of them,—keeping the edifice in good order and usefulness, by attending to the morals and manners, the health and happiness of its occupants.

The state of the *morals* and *manners* is to be judged of more than by any other one thing, from the number of expulsions, providing the discipline is strictly maintained. Now the expulsions for the last quarter have been less by ten per cent. than the average for the five quarters previous, and the discipline, since I have been acquainted with the Order, has never been stricter than at this present period. To carry out this system of discipline to the full extent of our principles, (which are borrowed from the strictest requirements of the New Testament,) will be the preservation of the right hand of the Order.

Our care for the health and happiness of our Brotherhood we must judge of more than by any one thing from the amount given and done to promote health and happiness. There has been given in charity for the last quarter $11,030, which is more than five-elevenths beyond the average on the five preceding quarters.

Thus far, then, we have done well. But I feel it my duty here to call your attention to a subject which has occupied much of my thoughts and some of my anxieties for the year past. As Odd Fellows, we promise well. We have promised to take care of each other, by the payment of certain benefits and expenses. It is well. But beware lest we be hereafter upbraidingly told, "It is better not to promise, than to promise and not perform." See to it that we be not hereafter compared to the son, who, when his father said, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard," answered, "I go, sir,—but went not."

Odd Fellowship has promised certain things, and this Grand Lodge is the guardian of Odd Fellowship in this State. It is our duty, therefore, to see that the pledges which have been given in the name of the Brotherhood, be

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redeemed in good faith. Otherwise, whatever blame may be cast upon any individual Lodge for not fulfilling its obligations, must ultimately come, with its withering force, upon this body, for allowing our dependencies to lead others to trust to them in the season of sickness and the day of death, and then fail them in their extremities A result like this would be neither Friendship nor Love. and surely not Truth. If this is ever done in this State, the guilt must be laid at the door of this Grand Lodge. For it is a principle of common law, that, *to have the power to prevent an evil and not prevent it, is to be guilty of the evil.* We have the power now to prevent this evil. Let us do it, and at once, or we may see the stain of broken faith cast upon our escutcheon of honor and our pure banner of Massachusetts trampled in the dust.

I speak advisedly on this subject. The evil is not the creature of my fears nor of my imagination. Would to God it were. But many of us know from the state of the funds of our own Lodges, that even now while we have yet but few who are suffering from the decrepitude of age, those funds are diminishing. The D. G. Masters of the 1st and 2d Districts report to me that Lodges in their districts are even now, as it respects their funds, falling in the rear of their former good condition ; and I know that other reports might with equal truth have contained like accounts.

The evil, then, exists. Can we remedy it ? Yes ; calculations have frequently been made on the subject, upon which the healths of individuals may safely be insured. From estimates I have made, and from information obtained on the subject, I am satisfied that men of the ages and circumstances of those composing our Lodges, generally, paying $3,00 per annum, can be insured to the amount of $4,00 per week, during sickness, except very petty disabilities, and that this amount will also defray the very economical expenses of an establishment of an office or Lodge. And further, that, aside from the current expenses, $4,00 per annum will insure such a class of men against sickness at $5,00 per week.

I therefore recommend to your consideration, such alteration of the Constitutions of Subordinates, as shall require the payment of a certain sum, quarterly, which shall only be used to pay the specified benefits, unless otherwise specially permitted by the Grand Lodge.

This is a matter which the Grand Lodge ought to regulate, as one of those few things upon which the safety of the Order depends. There is the greater necessity for this alteration of the Constitution of Subordinates at this time, as some Lodges are taking this matter up, and reconstructing their By-Laws with reference to this evil ; and in several cases they have been led to do so at the expense of violating their Constitution. This I have noticed as true particularly of Section 2d, Article 2d, Clause 1st, of Subordinates, in which the Lodges are required to pay "*weekly* benefits." Some Lodges propose to dispense with the benefit for the first and second weeks of sickness, and, in one instance, to withhold the right to the benefit after the benefits of a brother have amounted to $100, paid. The only so amended By-Laws officially received, are those of Pacifick Lodge, No. 42, in Article 6, Section 1, a copy of which I lay before you, marked (D.)

As there are several petitions for new Lodges expected to be presented to you at this meeting, and at least the petition of one Lodge for assistance, as too feeble to go on alone, I suggest to your consideration the propriety of the passage of an order or vote by which a Lodge may be translated to a different town, when suitable arrangements can be made as to liabilities, furniture, &c. instead of the granting of new charters in all cases.

And now, Brothers, praying God for his Spirit of Peace, to guide us in harmony and truth, and urging you to second this by your efforts, I am, in Friendship, Love, and Truth,

Your Brother, E. M. P. WELLS.

A Petition was presented from P. G. James Kimball and others, praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located in the City of Salem, to be known and hailed by the title of ——— Lodge, No.

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118, which was, on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed Brs. Drew, Pollard and Wellington.

A Petition was presented from the officers of Tisquantum Lodge, No. 46, asking this R. W. Grand Lodge, to grant permission to Ralph C. Hill (an expelled member,) of again uniting himself with that Lodge.

On motion, the prayer of the Petitioners was granted.

Voted, That the Committee appointed on the Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Returns, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the report be referred to the Committee appointed upon the communication of the M. W. Grand Master.

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns at 1, to meet at half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Br. Parmenter, R. W. Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, submitted a Report which was accepted.

Moved that the Report be printed with the Proceedings of this Session. Br. Burgess proposed the following amendment; "Or such portions thereof as the Board of Grand Officers to whom it shall be referred, may deem expedient." Amendment carried, and the motion as amended adopted.

The following is the Report of the R. W. G. Representatives, as originally submitted:

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO G. L. U. S.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The undersigned, Representatives from your Right Worthy Body, in the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully ask leave to submit the following communication:

That since the last session of this Grand Lodge, at which they were elected Representatives, they have had the honor to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Session; and they now desire to make report of such of the transactions in which they have been engaged, as seem to them to affect the general interests of the Order, or particularly to concern this Grand Lodge and its Subordinates.

The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, commenced on Monday, the 21st September, ultimo, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and terminated on the Friday following, at 7 o'clock, P. M. There were in attendance, including the Past Grand Sires, fifty-seven members; comprising Representatives from twenty States, and from the District of Columbia and Canada. The M. W. Grand Sire, Thomas Sherlock, called the Grand Lodge to order, punctually at the hour of opening, and the preliminaries of business, including the reception of credentials, and the appointment of Committees, were settled with such promptitude, that the Grand Lodge, after a very short delay, was ready to proceed to the important acts for which it came together. But one informality existed in the credentials of members, that in the Certificate of Rep. McRae, of N. Carolina, to which the Seal of his Grand Lodge was not affixed, in pursuance of the form prescribed. He was, after discussion, admitted to his seat, but the importance of great accuracy in authenticating the credentials of Representatives, was none the less insisted upon.

The very able reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. Corresponding Secretary were then presented, and were placed in the hands of Committees for the convenient separation and distribution of the various subjects contained in them, for the examination and action of the Grand Lodge. These documents have been published by all the journals of the Order, and are prob-

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ably in the hands of the members of this Grand Lodge. So far as they were acted upon subsequently to their presentation, the undersigned will state in the course of this communication. The following is the only extract which they will make, and it is from the Secretary's Report:

Comparative Progress of the Order, 1845—1846.

Year.	Lodges.	Increase.	Revenue.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Relief	Increase.
1845	685	...	455 977 24	.....	61 853	.....	125 361 00	.....
1846	992	307	708 205 40	252 228 16	90 753	28 900	197 317 00	71 956 00

Dispensations for the establishment of Grand Encampments in Canada and the District of Columbia, granted during the recess, were duly ratified, and Representatives from these Bodies admitted to their places on the floor of the Grand Lodge.

The remainder of the first day was occupied in the consideration of matters of unfinished business, consisting of proposed amendments to the Constitution, (all of which were rejected,) and in the presentation and reference to Committees of a great number and equally great variety of Resolutions, both of local and general interest. So far as these were approved, they will appear in this communication; but many receiving grave consideration were rejected.

The important business of the second day, was the nomination and election of officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The result of the election is generally known. We recapitulate it briefly:

On the fifth ballot,

P. D G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, of Pa., had - - 32 votes.
D. G. Sire Albert Case, of Mass., had - - - 26 "

The unanimous and steady preference of the Representatives of this State, was for the unsuccessful candidate. They of course must acquiesce in the decision of the majority of the Grand Lodge of the United States. But the undersigned take pleasure in saying that although their preference was otherwise, and their votes were against him, yet the Grand Sire elect is one of the most able and distinguished men in the Order, and most competent, from the excellence of his private worth, his superior talents, his sound judgment, and his experience in the Order, to sustain honorably the duties of the office to which he has been elevated. It is a matter of pride to the Order that it contained two brethren of such high attainments, as to render it a doubtful and nicely balanced matter whom of the two to select for the chief official station.

On the seventh ballot for D. G. Sire,

P. G. M. Newell A. Thompson, of Mass., received 31 ballots, which being a majority, he was declared elected.

Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, and Grand Treasurer Andrew E. Warner, both of Maryland, were unanimously re-elected.

Upon the first day of the session, Resolutions were presented in regard to the extension of the terms of official service in Subordinate Lodges; of the terms of the M. W. Grand Sire, and of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States. These were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who on the next day reported—

1st. To extend the term of Subordinate Lodges from three to six months; to take effect from and after the first meeting in January, 1847.

2d. That it was inexpedient to change the term of the Grand Sire from two to four years.

3d. That the Constitution be amended by extending the official term of Representatives from one to two years, making provision for the expiration of the terms of one-half of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States every year. This of course lies on the table until the next year.

The first two recommendations were adopted; that in relation to extending the terms of Subordinates, by a vote of 41 to 15. The undersigned with their colleagues from the Grand Encampment, voted in favor of this recommenda-

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tion; and they congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the success of this measure, first set in motion in this place, and repeatedly advised and supported by the members of this body. It is understood that by the extension of the terms, all things incidental, in regard to change of P. W., returns, &c., are to correspond, unless, as was informally stated, the larger jurisdictions may find it necessary to order Returns from Subordinates more frequently than semi-annually.

It was decided as a point of law, that if an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge from a State Grand Lodge, upon a question in which an individual is interested, comes before the Grand Lodge of the United States, such individual is still subject to the laws of his State Grand Lodge, and occupies no different position on account of the appeal to the Supreme body.

It was also determined, that when an Odd Fellow applies for and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed on his Card, and that the Lodge to which he belongs shall be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge granting the benefit, of the amount so granted.

A form of Circular to be granted by Grand Masters, and to be used by Subordinate Lodges, whenever they may apply for pecuniary aid, was adopted, and is as follows:—

I. O. O. F.—CIRCULAR.

Whereas, ———Lodge, No.—, of the State (or Territory) of ———, is under the necessity of appealing to her sister Lodges for pecuniary aid, in consequence of ———:

The Grand Lodge of ———, recommends to her Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the aid of said Lodge.

[Signed.] ——— ———, *G. M.*

The rule heretofore established in regard to examination of visiting brethren was amended, so that it is required that when the Examining Committee shall be satisfied that a brother is entitled to admission, he shall be by them introduced to the Lodge.

The following rule, which, in some measure, is different from the usage in this State, was adopted.

"That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge granting a withdrawal Card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the Card is actually taken or not. But if the Card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal Card."

It was recommended in a Report by the Committee on the State of the Order, that after the first of July, 1847, all Subordinate Lodges should work in the fifth Degree. This was rejected by a vote of nearly three to one. The undersigned believing that it is a duty of every member of the Order to take his degrees, and believing that if the members of Subordinate Lodges are to stand upon a level, they should stand upon the highest and not the lowest grade; that the relief fund should be increased, and that the degrees instead of being a mere appendage to the Order, should be probationary steps to its rights and privileges, voted with the minority in favor of the recommendation. They yet believe that the principal objection is that of present expediency, and that as the Order examines the matter more fully, the change will commend itself to the favor of the whole fraternity.

The Grand Sire was authorized to appoint a Committee of five persons from the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to prepare a complete digest of the Laws of the Order and to present their Report at the next Session.

The following were appointed the Committee.

Grand Cor. Sec'y, James L. Ridgely, P. G. Sire, Howell Hopkins, Rep. R. H. Griffin, of Georgia, Rep. R. W. Seymour of S. C., Rep. W. E. Parmenter, of Mass.

The Report of the Committee on Returns was made, and it was therein reported that the returns from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of

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Massachusetts were correct; the Committee reported that about two-thirds of the returns were incorrect.

It was ordered that the surplus funds of the G. L. U. S. be invested according to the best judgment of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

All cards not signed by the Grand Secretary of the G. L. U. S. may be returned and cards duly authenticated be furnished in lieu of them.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was approved.

Among the most important transactions of the Session, was the separation of the branch of the Order in Canada from the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. At an early stage of the Session resolutions passed at meetings of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Encampment of Canada were presented to the Grand Lodge and were referred to an able Special Committee. This Committee reported in favor of the separation and of the establishment of a distinct Sovereignty of Odd Fellowship in Canada, under the Jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of British North America," to adhere to the same work, to require the same qualifications of membership and to use the same annual pass-word as within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This Report was adopted by a vote of 47 to 9; and although it divorces from the Order within the Union a most valuable and honorable portion of this Jurisdiction, it yet establishes a new Sovereignty which will be of vast utility in diffusing the blessings of our Order throughout this continent and throughout one at least of the great kingdoms of Europe.

The subject of the establishment of an Institution of Learning under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States was duly considered by a Special Committee, and the report was sustained by the Grand Lodge to the effect "That the several State Grand Lodges be requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order of a Grand System of Education; and to devise and to forward to this Grand Lodge plans for the accomplishment of the object should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand." It would seem therefore the duty of this Grand Lodge to appoint a suitable Committee to give the thorough examination which its position enables it to give to this important subject, and to furnish a deliberate and well digested opinion to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The most interesting occurrence of the Session, was the presentation of a tribute of respect to the Corresponding Secretary. At the Session of 1844, a Committee consisting of P. G. Sires Kennedy, Wildey and Hopkins was appointed to purchase a suitable token to be presented to Brother Ridgely. The Committee reported that they had obtained an elegant and costly gold Watch ornamented with engravings of the Emblems of the Order. On the afternoon of the fourth day of the Session, this was presented with appropriate ceremonies, P. G. Sire Hopkins making an eloquent presentation address, which was responded to by Brother Ridgely with great feeling. It need not be added that all present shared in the interest, which was excited, by this expression of hearty affection and gratitude towards one who has infused into the Order the excellence and energy of his own character and of his enlarged and liberal opinions; and who has ever used the authority of his high official station, not merely for the discharge of his immediate duties but in giving to the institution a determinate and elevated character and influence. By an unanimous vote, the whole proceedings were spread upon the records.

A recommendation to use certain forms of prayer in the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the Order was indefinitely postponed; the undersigned voting in favor of such postponement.

According to the Report of the Finance Committee there is upwards of $8,000 in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, after paying all expenses and debts up to the last Session.

The legal existence of Degree Lodges, was recognised in a report of a Committee.

It was resolved "That if upon appeal to a State Grand Lodge, by a member of a subordinate Lodge, charged with violating a known law of the Order, the decision of his Lodge be reversed, he may be reinstated without the consent of his subordinate Lodge."

In regard to the foreign relations of the Order, the Lodges in England are

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dead, and the Lodges in Wales silent and perhaps dying. The Order in Great Britain will undoubtedly be revived through the agency of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The publication of the lectures, charges, odes and forms of Diplomas, or any portion thereof, except by the G. L. U. S. was prohibited.

A form of funeral ceremony to be used for the present was adopted. The Committee on the Digest of Laws were instructed to report a form at the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

A book of diagrams was presented; which was determined to be a true explanation of the unwritten work of the Order, not to be altered except with the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge.

Votes of thanks to the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary were passed unanimously.

The undersigned have thus given a synopsis of such of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, as seem particularly to concern this Grand Lodge. Many important matters affecting Encampments and much business of a local application they have necessarily omitted.

The undersigned hardly need to add, that the Grand Lodge of the United States maintains the high rank, to which the talent and merit of its members have raised it. It comprises men of first order of ability and of private merit. The debates were most able, and the business routine correct and well observed. The existance of the Supreme Legislature of Odd Fellowship, if it preserve its present character, must result in the great benefits and honor of the Order.

The undersigned would mention, that this Grand Lodge will be gratified, but not surprised to know that the distinguished Representatives of the Grand Encampment of this State, Brs. Ellison and Thompson, received the respect and confidence to which their merit and capacity entitle them, and that they attained to a high and honorable reputation among their associates in the Grand Lodge.

With thanks to the members of this Grand Lodge for their support and confidence and in the hope that these have not been abused, this communication is respectfully submitted.

WM. E. PARMENTER } *Reps. of G. L. of Mass.*
JOSEPH L. DREW. } *in the G. L. of the U. S.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of P. G. Kimball and others, for a Lodge in the City of Salem, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition for a Lodge to be called ——— Lodge, No. —, to be located in Salem, have attended to that duty, and Report,—

That after having examined all the circumstances in relation to the location and future prospects of the same, they are unanimouly of the opinion that the Petition should be granted.

JOSEPH L. DREW,
ABNER W. POLLARD, } *Committee.*
HORATIO WELLINGTON.

Voted, To grant the Charter, and that the name of the Lodge be decided upon, by the Board of Grand Officers.

The Committee on the appeal of Br. Joseph Burnstill, submitted the following Report :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Br. Joseph Burnstill, have attended to the duty assigned them, and Report,

That, in their opinion, the subject matter of the appeal does not properly come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, } *Committee.*
WM. W. PEIRCE, }

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On motion, the Report was recommitted to Brs. Pollard, Jenkins and Lord.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, at 1 o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Half-past Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The R. W. Grand Warden, Samuel Wells, was present and took his seat.

Moved by Br. Paige, that a Committee be appointed to consider and Report, whether it be legal for a Subordinate Lodge to hold its meetings once in two weeks, instead of weekly. Motion adopted.

The Chair appointed Brs. Burgess, Ayres and Barr.

On motion of Br. Plympton, the following Resolution offered by Br. Frost at the May Session 1845, and not acted upon, was then taken up for consideration :

"That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the permanency and stability of the Order require when a brother applies for the Degrees that the vote shall be taken by ball ballots, and three black balls shall prevent a brother from receiving the Degrees."

On motion, the Resolution was adopted.

Matters of Grievance between Br. Giles and Lowell Lodge, were submitted by Br. Giles ; read, and on motion, referred to a Committee of three.

The Chair named Brs. Paige, Pierce, and George.

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Br. D. L. Richardson, submitted the following Report :

Boston, Nov. 5th, 1846.

To the Most Worthy Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Mass.

Brethren :—Your Committee, appointed to examine the evidence and documunts in regard to the appeal of Br. Daniel L. Richardson, from a decision of Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, whereby he was suspended during the pleasure of the Lodge, have examined all the documents and other evidence they have been able to procure, and are unanimously of opinion that Oberlin Lodge has not proceeded in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and that Br. Richardson has been illegally suspended ; for the following reason, viz : that there has been no legal charge brought against him,—and offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That Br. Richardson be reinstated to full membership in Oberlin Lodge ; and that he was, at the time be applied, fully entitled to an honorable Card of Clearance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. L. & T., ALBERT GULD, GEO. LOUDON, H. E. CLAPP. } *Committee.*

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved to adopt the Report and Resolution.

Action suspended on the motion, for the purpose of receiving the Reports from the following Committees, viz :—

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The Committee appointed upon the Communication of the M. W. G. Master, reported as follows :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the M. W. G. M. have attended to their duty, and beg leave respectfully to report,—

1. That so much of the communication relating to use and transportation of the Banner of this Grand Lodge, be referred to a Committee of three.

2. That so much as relates to the By-Laws of Pacifick Lodge, Art. VI, Sec. 1, with document D. together with that portion relating to Art. IX., Sec. 4, of the By-Laws of Franklin Lodge, be referred to a Committee of three, with document E.

3. That so much as relates to a proposed Annual Meeting of the D. D. G. Masters, for Instruction in the Work of the Order, be referred to a Committee of three.

4. That the Petition of Hockomocko Lodge be referred to a Committee of three.

5. That so much as relates to a difficulty between two members of Nazarene Lodge, be referred to a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the circumstances of the case, and report to this Grand Lodge. The D. D. G. Master of District No. 33, having stated that a difficulty does exist, without assigning any cause, and your Committee think it should be made known, as it evidently injures our Order.

6. That so much as relates to the Bible being a part of the furnishing of a Lodge, &c., be referred to a Committee of three.

7. That so much as relates to the refunding of the Initiation fee, by the Lafayette Lodge to their Chaplain, be referred to a Committee of three.

8. That so much as relates to the proposed amendments of the Constitution of Subordinates as to dues and benefits, be referred to a Committee of three.

9. That so much as relates to the " passage of an Order or Vote, by which a Lodge may be translated to a different town, when suitable arrangements can be made as to liabilities, furniture, &c., instead of the granting of new Charters in all cases," be referred to a Committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWIN BROWN,
W. W. BARKER. } *Committee.*

Your Committee would state (though not strictly in accordance with their duty,) that at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, a Charter was granted for a Lodge at West Stockbridge, to be known as Marble Lodge, No. 117, the institution of which is not mentioned in the Report of the M. W. G. Master. Yet your Committee believe it is considered a regularly instituted Lodge, they therefore suggest the same for the consideration of your honorable body.

C. H. WHITE,
W. W. BARKER. } *Committee.*

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the same Committee appointed to nominate the committees on the several divisions of the M. W. G. Master's Report.

The Committee upon the petition for a Lodge in Lowell, submitted the following Report :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

The Committee appointed in relation to the application of Brothers for the formation of a new Lodge in Lowell, have carefully and deliberately attended to the duties entrusted to them, would beg leave to report :—

That, in their opinion, especial care should be exercised by the Grand Lodge, at the present time, in administering the affairs of the Order.

Heretofore the novelty of the thing has acted upon the curiosity of many individuals in the community, and they have as it were, rallied *en masse* under

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the standard of Odd Fellowship. The excitement having subsided in a great degree, many heretofore active, now seldom or never meet with us. The suspensions for the non-payment of dues which are nightly sent into us, (while the initiations are few in number,) show us that our numbers are materially decreasing.

Your Committee are of the opinion that there are Lodges in existence,—Lodges which were instituted *many* months ago, and that, too, under very favorable circumstances, which are barely able to sustain themselves at the present time,—and they fear that some of them will present themselves here for the purpose of asking assistance, or surrendering their charters.

Believing this to be the case, your Committee deem it important that no new Lodges should be instituted, unless it be shown that imperative necessity exists for their establishment.

In relation to granting a charter for a Lodge to the petitioners, referred to your Committee, they would beg leave, in this place, to make a few statements.

In Lowell, where it is proposed to organize a new Lodge, there already exists five Lodges, numbering in members as follows:—Merrimack, 188; Mechanics, 264; Oberlin, 207; Veritas, 118; Lowell, 66.

There are in the hands of the Committee the names of 37 petitioners for a new Lodge. Most of the petitioners are brothers who have withdrawn from the Lodges in Lowell and vicinity.

Your Committee believe that they are, *one and all of them*, worthy and exemplary Brothers,—Brothers who cherish the principles of the Order and love the institution, and doubt not that they would do all in their power to sustain a new Lodge, if chartered.

From the Lowell Lodge, numbering sixty-six members, according to the last quarterly Report, there are already eleven petitioners, and the Committee are told that others are about withdrawing who have not yet received their cards.

The petitioners from Lowell Lodge represented to the Committee that they were dissatisfied with their Lodge on account of their expenses being high, and because the Lodge had not disciplined one of its members as he deserved; and these are the arguments why a new Lodge should be formed, —*with lighter expenses and no objectional members.*

Your Committee are of the opinion, that the withdrawal of these Brothers would materially weaken Lowell Lodge, and diminish its usefulness.

Wherever there is discord in Lodges, from whatever cause, your Committee believe it to be the *bounded duty*, and *covenanted duty*, of every good member, to use all his efforts in reconciling contending parties, and restoring harmony and brotherly love. This, we think, might be accomplished in very many cases, if there were no alternative.

But if Brothers aggrieved, or thinking themselves so, can procure a charter for a new Lodge, by simply representing to the Grand Lodge, that, in their opinion, the good of the Order requires that a new Lodge should be formed in the place, we think that there is danger that little or no efforts will be made in some cases to effect a reconciliation.

In the opinion of this Committee, then, it behoves the Grand Lodge to be exceedingly careful, lest by granting new charters, on slight grounds, they be the indirect cause of promoting or encouraging strife in the Subordinate Lodges, or at least be a stumbling-block in the way of a happy reconciliation of whatever difficulties may exist.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that, if there be objectionable members, in a Lodge, it is bad policy for *any* of the good and worthy members to withdraw on this account. There is greater reason for their remaining, and uniting together as one man, and using their endeavors to reclaim the unworthy,—or, if incorrigible, subject him to the stringent discipline of the Order.

Though complaining of the expenses in Lowell Lodge, the members who have withdrawn, or are about withdrawing from that Lodge, (*thus throwing a heavier burden upon those who remain,*) are yet willing to assume the expenses, which are necessarily great, of forming a new one; and at this time, too, when under the most favorable circumstances, there are few appli-

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cants for membership, and almost every Lodge finds, under the strictest economy, their expenditures exceeds their receipts, and deem it necessary to increase their assessments and lessen their benefits.

In view of these facts, although the Lodges in Lowell, judging from the opinions of those Brothers who appeared before the Committee, do not oppose the formation of a new Lodge, and should one be formed, would probably cheerfully extend to her the right hand of fellowship,—your Committee are *unanimously* of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners *should not be* granted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

AARON P. RICHARDSON,
BREWSTER RAYNOLDS,
CHARLES H. WHITE.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

On motion to adopt the Report and recommendation of the Committee, the previous question was moved, and seconded by the Grand Lodge. The question was then put as follows:—"Shall the main question be now put?"—which was decided in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the Report and recommendation of the Committee?"—which was decided in the affirmative,—Yeas 24; Nays 20.

During the action upon the above Report, several certificates of Past Grands having been handed to, and examined by the Committee of Elections and Returns, and found correct, the Grand Treasurer by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, retired to the ante-room, and instructed the following P. G's in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees, viz:—

Bro. S. E. Wilder, of Mystic Lodge, No. 51.
Bro. Charles Sampson, of Bethesda Lodge, No. 30.
Bro. Benjamin F. Hebard, of Neponset, No 84.
Bro. Thomas Herbert, of Bay State Lodge, No. 40.
Bro. Horace Williams, of Suffolk Lodge, No. 8.

The question again recurring upon the adoption of the Report and Resolution of the Committee in the case of Bro. D. L. Richardson, Bro. Usher offered the following Resolution as a substitute for the Report of the Committee:—

Resolved, That the case of trial between Bro. Richardson and Oberlin Lodge, be referred back to the Lodge for a new trial.

The previous question was called for and sustained. The question was then put as follows:—"Shall the main question be now put?"—which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put,—"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the Report and Resolution of the Committee upon the appeal of Bro. D. L. Richardson?"—which was decided in the negative, viz:—Yeas 26; Nays 28.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of nominating Committees upon the several divisions of the M. W. G. Master's Communication, reported the following list, which was adopted, and power given them to fill vacancies:—

1st. On so much as relates to the Banner,—Bros. Burgess, Ayres and Mullin.

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2d. On so much as relates to Franklin and Pacifick Lodges,—Bros. Pollard, Barr, and Lord.

3d. On so much as relates to the annual meeting of D. D. G. Masters,—Bros. Prince, W. A. Hersey, and Low.

4th. On so much as relates to Hockomocko Lodge,—Bros. Dike, Beal, and George.

5th. On so much as relates to difficulties between two members of Nazarene Lodge,—Bros. Plympton, Robie, and Francis.

6th. On so much as relates to the Bible in Lodge Rooms, &c.,— Bros. Paige, Howlett, and George.

7th. On so much as relates to the refunding of initiation fee by the Lafayette Lodge, &c.,—Bros. Burgess, Ayres, and Mullin.

8th. On so much as relates to the proposed amendments to Constitution of Subordinates,—Bros. Raynolds, Drew, and A. P. Richardson.

9th. On so much as relates to removing Lodges,—Bros. Guild, Ellison, and Powers.

On motion,—That all business which cannot be transacted previous to 5 o'clock, P. M., be deferred until the next quarterly session,—it was resolved in the negative.

Moved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at this Hall, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. An amendment was proposed and accepted, to substitute for "this Hall, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning," "Encampment Hall, at 7 o'clock this evening." The amendment was negatived, and the motion adopted.

Moved, That the appeal of Bro. D. L. Richardson, be referred to a new Committee of Three, with instructions to report at to-morrow's session. An amendment was offered to strike out the words "to-morrow's session" and insert "the next quarterly session," which was lost,—and the motion was adopted.

The Chair (Deputy Grand Master Usher presiding) appointed Bros. D. S. King, B. Raynolds, and Solon Jenkins.

The Committee on the appeal of Bro. C. G. Giles, reported as follows:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. C. G. Giles, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report,—

That, in their opinion, the assessment upon Bro. Giles, after his card of clearance had been voted, was not legal and ought not to be collected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE,
W. W. PIERCE,
N. M. GEORGE.

Voted, To accept and adopt the Report, and that so much of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as relates to the decision contained in the Report be sent to Lowell Lodge.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. G. Master's Communication relating to the subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the use of the Bible in the work of the Order, report:

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That, in their opinion, the course recommended by the Grand Master would be beneficial and for the advantage of the Order, and recommend that it be adopted and observed. By order of the Committee,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject, submitted the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge to try, and finally determine all matters of grievance between Mystic Lodge and Br. C. W. Brabrook, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report their action to the Grand Lodge, namely; That they have reversed the decision of that Lodge, and directed that he be restored to all the rights and privileges to which he was entitled at the time they were preferred.

J. C. BARTLETT,
CHAS. S. BURGESS,
J. M. USHER.

Br. Beard presented the appeal of Br. C. G. Giles from the decision of Lowell Lodge, in refusing to pay him for services rendered.

On motion to refer the subject to a Committee, it was voted that it be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the motion offered by Br. Paige, with regard to the legality of Subordinate Lodges meeting once in two weeks, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the legality of Subordinate Lodges meeting but once in two weeks, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges,—also the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and are unable to find anything therein contained touching the matter. By reference, however, to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at the August session, (see page 330,] we find that Mattakesett Lodge had an article in their By-Laws limiting their meetings to once in two weeks, which article was stricken out by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted, DAVID AYERS,
THOS. BARR,
CHAS. S. BURGESS.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the Grand Lodge Banner, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom the subject of Banner was referred, would respectfully report that the Banner should not, in any case, be removed from the office without a suitable box being procured, satisfactory to the Board of Grand Officers, provided the same is to be carried out of this city.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. S. BURGESS,
DAVID AYERS,
JOHN R. MULLIN.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to Lafayette Lodge,

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submitted the following report and recommendation, which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as refers to Lafayette Lodge, would report that Lafayette Lodge, in refunding the initiation fee to their Chaplain, have acted in violation of a resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at its May session, (see page 281,) inasmuch as they virtually initiated him free of expense. We, therefore, recommend that Lafayette Lodge require the Brother referred to, to pay into their Treasury the amount refunded to him.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. S. BURGESS,
DAVID AYERS,
JOHN R. MULLIN,

Moved, That the vote whereby the Report of the Committee on the petition for a Lodge in Lowell was adopted, be reconsidered. On motion to lay the subject on the table until 11 o'clock to-morrow, it was resolved in the negative. On motion to indefinitely postpone the subject, it was rejected. Pending the question of reconsidering the vote, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried, and at half-past 5, P. M.,

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

COVENANT HALL, *Friday, Nov. 6, 9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The subject of reconsidering the vote adopting the Report of the Committee on the petition for a Lodge in Lowell, being the first business in order, was then considered and on motion,—the vote was reconsidered.

Moved, To grant a Charter to the petitioners for a Lodge in Lowell.

On motion to postpone the further consideration of the subject until 11 o'clock,—it was decided in the affirmative, viz,—yeas 14, nays 10.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as relates to the By-Laws of Franklin and Pacifick Lodges, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report, as relates to the By-Laws of the Pacifick and Franklin Lodges, have attended to their duty and report.

That in their opinion the Clause in Article 9, Section 4th, of the By-Laws of Franklin Lodge is a violation of the rules of the Order, inasmuch as it refuses admission to the Lodge of visiters, notwithstanding they may have the requisite Card, &c. &c.; a similar decision was made by this Grand Lodge, August Term, in the cases of Mattakesett and Adelphic Lodges, and your Committee are of the opinion that visiters with the proper credentials cannot be refused admission to any Lodge; but their conduct is a matter for complaint

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or charges in the Lodge to which they belong. They therefore recommend that so much as relates to visiters, be required to be stricken out.

They have also considered the Article of By-Laws of Pacifick Lodge, referred to in the Grand Master's Report, and in their opinion they do not conflict with the Constitution. The Constitution of Subordinates makes it imperative upon the Lodges to pay a Funeral Benefit, but to receive a weekly benefit they must be *qualified* by the *By-Laws;* and Subordinate Lodges having the power to make their own By-Laws, the whole matter rests with them alone. Your Committee are unable to find any conflict between the Constitution and By-Laws of Pacifick Lodge.

Respectfully submitted, ABNER W. POLLARD,
THOMAS BARR,
HARGRAVES LORD.

On motion to adopt the Report, a division of the question was called for—whereupon, it was

Voted, That the Recommendations and opinions of the Committee be adopted.

The following communication was read.

Brattleboro', Vt., Nov. 2nd, 1846.

WANTASTIQUET LODGE, No 5.

To E. M. P. Wells, M. W. Grand Master, of Mass.

DEAR SIR,—As we are situated upon the border of Mass. and New Hampshire, and having frequent applications from citizens of your State for admission into our Lodge, I was this evening instructed by our Lodge, to ask your permission for such number of your State to join us, as can, and would be better accommodated here than they can be to join any Lodge in their own State.

Therefore, we trust that you will comply with our request at the earliest opportunity, and much oblige

Yours ever in F. L. and T.

[SEAL.] FREDERICK HUNT, *Sec'y.*

On motion it was voted, That the request be complied with, and that the M. W. G. Master grant the permission asked for.

Br. Ellison offered the following amendments.

To the Constitution of Subordinates, viz,—

Amend Article 2nd, 1st Section, Clause 3d, by adding after the words "other applicants"—with the exception that he may be admitted by a majority vote of the members present, if the card was drawn from the Lodge in which he deposits it, and provided the Investigating Committee report in favor of his re-admission,—on being admitted, &c. &c.

To amend by striking out Clause 6th, same Section and Article.

Amend Clause 2nd, Article 2nd, Section 2nd, by adding after the words "from the Lodge" such sum as may be appropriate to defray, &c.

Amend by striking out Clause 3d, Section 2nd, Article 2nd.

To the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Amend Clause 1st, Section 8, Article 3d, by adding,

4th. Committee on the state of the Order.

5th. Committee on Appeals.

6th. Committee on Petitions.

Br. Ayres offered the following Amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates, viz,—

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Article 3, Section 3d, Clause 4th, previous to the word "Treasurer" insert Secretary.

Article 4, strike out the First Section and insert,—The regular Semi-annual Term shall commence on the first regular meetings in January and July only; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Br. Plympton offered the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:—

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended, that Clause 1st of Article 4th shall read,—The Grand Lodge shall hold two regular sessions in each year, namely, on the first Thursday in August and February; the first of which shall be distinguished as the "Annual Session;" the other, as the "Semi-Annual Session;" during either of which it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the sessions is disposed of; and all the sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be holden in the city of Boston.

Clause 3d of Article 4th, That the term Quarterly Session be changed so as to read Semi-Annual Session.

A communication was received from P. G. W. Aaron Andrews, in relation to the re-instatement of Adam Lodge, which, on motion, was ordered on file, with other papers relating to said Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Communication as relates to the translation of Lodges, submitted the following Report which was accepted, and its recommendation adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed on that part of the Grand Master's Quarterly Communication which relates to the translation of Lodges, have attended to that duty and would ask leave to report,

That, in their opinion, it would be unwise and inexpedient to disturb the present policy of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the permanent location of Subordinate Lodges. It is a subject, in the opinion of your Committee, that might lead to dissentions and discord, where now peace and harmony prevails. It is the opinion of your Committee, that, if this Grand Lodge should adopt a rule granting to Subordinate Lodges power of locomotion, this body would be perpetually troubled with petitions for removal to places where the accidental majority vote of a party might happen to reside. In granting charters, the location of a Lodge, and its future resources for numerical strength, is, in the opinion of your Committee, a point of vital importance, and one which, perhaps, it would be out of order for them to say is sometimes overlooked. The Committee recommend that no legislation is necessary on the subject.

ALBERT GUILD,
WILLIAM ELLISON.

Boston, Nov. 6, 1846.

Bro. Parmenter submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to Bros. Drew, Raynolds, and A. P. Richardson, the Committee appointed on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Communication relating to the subject.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five members be appointed to examine the entire subject of assessments and benefits, to ascertain if any rule can be fixed upon, which shall be a safe guide for relief expenditure in proportion to the income of the Order, with a view that such rule shall become uniform throughout the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and that said Committee report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

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On motion, it was voted that two be added to the above Committee.

The Chair appointed Bros. Mullin and Ayres.

On motion of P. G. Master Thompson, it was voted, that the Committee on "Penalties and Trials," appointed at the February Session, 1846, be discharged from so much of their duty as relates to codifying the laws of the Order.

On motion of P. G. Master Thompson, it was voted that the M. W. Grand Master direct the Committee on "Penalties and Trials" to attend to the duty assigned them, and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Mudge, from the Committee, appointed at the May Session to revise and print the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, reported verbally, and submitted the following resolution:—

Resolved, That when the Proceedings are printed, the Committee be instructed to give an abridgement of the Records of the Grand Lodge prior to its re-instatement, if in their opinion they deem it expedient.

A motion was made that the subject of printing the Grand Lodge Proceedings be indefinitely postponed, which was lost.

Moved by Bro. Lord, that the subject of printing be referred to the Board of Grand Officers;—amended by Bro. Frost, by adding "provided it be no expense to the Grand Lodge."

Pending the question on the adoption of the amendment, the hour arrived for the consideration of the petition for a Lodge in Lowell.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the consideration of the motion "To grant a charter to the petitioners for a Lodge in Lowell."

A call having been made for the vote by Representation, it was taken and decided in the negative,—Yeas 15; Nays 28.

The Lodges voting in the affirmative were Merrimack, Mechanics, Friendship, Boston, Columbian, Accushnet, Lancaster, Ocean, Evergreen, Aurora,—15.

The Lodges voting in the negative were Massachusetts, Siloam, New England, Crystal Fount, Oriental, Covenant, Warren, Franklin, Bethesda, Quinsigamond, Mystic, Hobah, Worcester, Hockomocko, Neponset, Chicopee,—28.

During the balloting on the above motion, P. G. Edward Bacon, of Elliot Lodge, No. 58, presented his certificate, which was found correct, and by the request of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer instructed him, in the ante-room, in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees.

Bro. White, from the Committee on the Communication of the M. W. Grand Master, and to whom was referred the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

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The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Elections and Returns, for the consideration of such suggestions as was made therein, would respectfully beg leave to report,—

First, as regards the fines of D. D. Grand Masters who fail to hand the returns of Subordinates to the Grand Secretary within such time as is prescribed by an order, passed by this Grand Lodge, namely, within two weeks after the installation of officers, the Committee of Elections and Returns have given, in their Report, a list of all delinquents, with the amount of fines annexed.

In relation to this subject there seems to be two inquiries.

First. Is this specified fine to be imposed upon D. D's who may fail to comply with the above order, in a general sense, or is it to be considered that a fine of five dollars shall be imposed for *each* of such returns of Subordinates as shall not be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within the required time?

Second. How shall these fines be collected?

In answer to the first inquiry, your Committee are of the opinion that a D. D. should be fined five dollars for *each* of such returns as he shall fail to forward to the Grand Secretary within the required time.

In answer to the second inquiry, your Committee are of the opinion that all delinquent D. D's should be notified by the Grand Secretary, stating the amount of their delinquency, and that said delinquents shall immediately pay over to the Grand Secretary the amount of fines due from them, unless such excuse is offered as is provided by the resolution adopted by this body at a former session.

In the Report of the Committee on Elections and Returns, the Grand Secretary states that it has been "his custom to furnish the members of the Grand Lodge at its session with a printed quarterly report of the Returns of Subordinates under its jurisdiction." But at this session he has omitted to do so for certain reasons which he intends to lay before this Grand Lodge.

In regard to the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, your Committee are of the opinion that an inquiry should be made respecting the cause of the delay in the reception of them by the members. The Grand Secretary, as we believe, has ever been punctual in the performance of his duties. But the length of time that elapses before the members receive the printed Proceedings, shows, as we think, a lack of duty somewhere. We presume the Grand Secretary will give us some information on the subject.

In regard to the *expense* of printing, your Committee would suggest the propriety of having the *bills* for the same read before this Grand Lodge, which, we believe, has not been the custom. It is, certainly, a very important item, and, we think, the reading of them before this Grand Lodge would be highly satisfactory to the members.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. WHITE,
WILLIAM ELLISON,
AARON P. RICHARDSON.

P. G. Master Thompson submitted the following resolutions, which were laid on the table.

Whereas doubts have arisen in the minds of some of the Brethren of Friendship Lodge, as to the existence of any law prohibiting Subordinate Lodges from regulating the time and frequency of their own meetings.

Resolved, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, that all Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, of the United States, are bound by a well-known and established custom of the Order to hold their meetings at least once in each week; and that this custom is so well established as to have become a law which no Grand or Subordinate Lodge can change or alter in the least degree, without the consent of the highest tribunal of the Order.

Resolved, That any Lodge under this jurisdiction that shall knowingly violate this well-established law, renders itself liable to the loss of its charter.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Br. D. L. Richardson submitted the following report:—

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The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Daniel L. Richardson, of Oberlin Lodge, respectfully report, that the petitioner does not complain of informality in his trial ; and as the Committee see no evidence of a want of fairness, they recommend that the said Richardson have leave to withdraw his petition.

D. S. KING.
BREWSTER RAYNOLDS.
SOLON JENKINS.

Boston, Nov. 6th, 1846.

A motion was made to accept the Report.

A motion was made to lay the subject on the table until the next session, which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the acceptance of the Report, Br. Plimpton having the floor, yielded it for the purpose of allowing Br. Ely to offer the following as a substitute for the Report of the Committee.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Lodge, Br. D. L. Richardson, of Lowell, has been suspended by Oberlin Lodge for that which has not heretofore been distinctly recognized as an offence against the principles of the Order ; but that from said Richardson's acquiescence in the action of said Lodge, and his long delay in appealing from said action, he be merely allowed to withdraw from said Lodge as of the date when he applied for his card of clearance.

The above Resolution having been read, Br. Plimpton resumed his remarks, but gave way to a motion for adjournment, when on motion, at quarter past one o'clock, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Br. Plimpton being entitled to the floor, concluded his remarks upon the acceptance of the Report of the Committee on the appeal of Br. Richardson. The Resolution offered by Br. Ely at the morning Session, as a substitute for the above report, was then seconded, and after a long debate, adopted.

The subject of Printing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, was then resumed. The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment, proposed by Br. Frost, it was decided in the affirmative ; whereupon, the motion of Br. Lord, as amended by Br. Frost, was adopted.

During the action upon the above motion, P. G. George Leighton of Pacifick Lodge, No. 42, having presented his certificate which was found to be correct, was instructed in the ante-room, by the Grand Treasurer in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, was then taken up for action.

Moved, That so much thereof as relates to the fines of the D. D. G. Masters, be adopted.

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On motion of Br. Lord, that it be so amended, That D. D. G. Masters shall be fined only five dollars for neglecting to forward quarterly to the Grand Secretary, within the required time, a part or all of the Returns of the Subordinates under their charge; it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion the remainder of the Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of Br. Burnstill, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Br. Burnstill, of Worcester Lodge, from the decision of Quinsigamond Lodge, of Worcester, ask leave to report,—

That it is the opinion of a majority of said Committee that this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Respectfully submitted. ABNER W. POLLARD, *for the Committee.*

The Committee on so much of the M. W. G. Master's communication as relates to Nazarene Lodge, submitted the following Report, which on motion was accepted and referred to the Grand Officers.

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Massachusetts:

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Report relating to Nazarene Lodge, would respectfully report,—

That inasmuch as there is a want of facts relating to the difficulties specified, and in the absence of all members of that Lodge to ascertain the facts, the Committee have not been able to come to a decision in the case; and would respectfully request further time. A. B. PLIMPTON.
JOHN ROBIE.

The Grand Secretary in accordance with his promise made in his Report as Chairman of the Committee on Elections and Returns, and in answer to the call made upon him by the Committee to whom it was referred, for an explanation of the reasons for neglecting to furnish the members of the Grand Lodge with the Tabular Report of Lodges and the cause of the delay in printing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, submitted a statement in relation thereto.

Whereupon,—Br. Lord submitted the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Grand Officers be a Committee to select their Printer, and that all bills for printing be referred to them, and all approved by them to be paid.

Resolved, That any Vote which may conflict with the above Resolution, be and is hereby repealed.

The Resolutions offered by P. G. Master Thompson in relation to the legality of Subordinates regulating the time and frequency of their own meetings, were then taken from the table, considered, and, on motion, adopted.

Br. Barr submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Lodges in Lowell have liberty to admit back to their respective Lodges, free of expense, such brothers as have withdrawn there-

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from for the purpose of petitioning for a new Lodge; provided they return their Cards within two weeks from date.

A communication was received from Veritas Lodge, No. 49, in relation to the transmission of Letters, &c., which, on motion, was referred to the Grand Officers.

On motion, D. D. G. Master Lord was excused from paying his fine.

On motion, D. D. G. Master Grover was excused from paying his fine.

On motion, D. D. G. Master Goodnow was excused from paying his fine.

P. G. Josiah Curtis of Oberlin Lodge, No. 28, presented his certificate which was reported to be correct by the Committee of Elections and Returns, and by the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, he was instructed in t ☵ ante-room, in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's communication, which relates to D. D. G. Masters, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the officers and members of the R. W. G. Lodge of Mass., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the Annual Meeting of the D. D. G. Masters, for Instruction in the Work of the Order, have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report:—

That in their opinion such a meeting of the D. D. G. Masters with the other Officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, would be beneficial to the Order generally, and would recommend that such a meeting should take place, at such time and place as the M. W. Grand Master shall appoint. W. A. HERSEY, *for the Committee.*

On motion, it was

Voted, That the subject of the fines of delinquent D. D. G. Masters for this quarter, be referred to a Committee of three, to hear excuses, &c., and report to the Grand Lodge.

The Chair named Brs. Ellison, Lord and E. Brown.

The Committee on the petition from Hockomocko Lodge, submitted the following Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Hockomocko Lodge, No. 79, and referred to in the M. W. Grand Master's Report as document marked B., would report,—

That, in the opinion of your Committee no action of this G. L. is necessary in the premises, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

GEO. W. DIKE,
THACHER BEAL, } Committee.
N. M. GEORGE.

Nov. 6, 1846.

Voted, To accept the Report.

Moved, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Moved, that the whole subject be referred to the Board of Grand Officers, with full power to act in the case, as they may deem expedient; which motion prevailed.

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P. G. E. W. Bumstead of Oriental Lodge, No. 10, presented his certificate which was examined and found correct, and by the direction of the M. W. G. Master, he was instructed in the P. G. and G. L. Degrees, by Grand Treasurer, H. Prince.

Bro. Sibley submitted the following Resolution.

Resolved, That hereafter no charters for new Lodges be granted in Towns, or a Town within five miles where a Lodge or Lodges now exist, unless the number of members of each of said Lodges shall be equal to two hundred; and that it is inexpedient to grant any more charters for the City of Boston.

On motion to adopt the Resolution, a division of the question was called for. Previous to action thereon, a motion was made to refer the Resolution to a Committee of three, to report at the next Session; which was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of so much of the Resolution as relates to granting Lodges in Towns, &c.; it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion that so much of the Resolution as relates to granting Charters in the City of Boston be indefinitely postponed; it was decided in the negative.

On motion to adopt the latter Clause of the Resolution, relating to Charters in the City of Boston; it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion it was voted to pay Bro. Frost ten dollars for his services as O. G. this Session.

Bro. Parmenter submitted the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge is hereby directed to report to the Grand Secretary the exact condition of its funds, on the first of January 1847; that this Report from each Lodge shall accompany the next Quarterly Returns, and shall fully set forth the full amount, if any, in the hands of the Treasurer and Trustees; or if the Lodge be in debt, then the amount of its indebtedness.

Resolved, That if deemed proper by this Grand Lodge, the information thus obtained shall not be published in the Proceedings of the next Session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward at the proper time, the substance of these Resolutions, in a circular to each Subordinate Lodge.

Bro. Raynolds moved to reconsider the vote allowing the Lodges in Lowell to receive back those Brothers who have withdrawn from them, free of expense; which motion did not prevail.

The M. W. G. Master filled the vacancy in the Committee of Elections and Returns, by the appointment of Bros. N. M. George and W. W. Pierce.

Voted, To re-consider the report and vote which has been passed in relation to the Bible.

Voted, That the subject of the Bible be referred to the Grand Officers.

On motion at 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, WM. H. JONES, GRAND SECRETARY.

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List of Representatives whose Certificates have been deposited with the Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts, 1,—Samuel Prince, Albert Guild, N. M. George, to fill vacancies.
Siloam, 2,—Alfred Mudge, Thacher Beal, to fill vacancies.
New England, 4,—Chester W. Clark, to fill vacancy.
Winnissimmet, 24,—Robt. Davidson, to fill vacancy.
Essex, 26,—R. Lindsey, H. Luscomb, jr., to fill vacancy.
Woronoco, 74,—John F. Comstock.
Hockomocko, 79,—Cyrus J. Tyrrel.
Weweantit, 81,—W. N. Ellis.
Marlboro', 85,—Leander Bigelow.
Blue Hill, 93,—E. W. Marden, to fill vacancy.
Evergreen, 105,—Edward Clark, to fill vacancy.
Aurora, 107,— J. D. Pierce, to fill vacancy.
Wrentham, 111,—H E. Clap.
Chicopee, 115,—R. E. Dewey.

Past Grands Admitted and Instructed.

Massachusetts, 1,—Dexter Bowker.
Siloam, 2,—George Norton.
Merrimack, 7,—Wm. W. Curtis.
Suffolk, 8,—Horace Williams.
Oriental, 10,—Eben W. Bumstead
Franklin, 23,—Joseph Allen, A. M. M'Phail.
Oberlin, 28,—John A. Nourse, Josiah Curtis.
Bethesda, 30,—Seriah Stevens, Chas. Sampson.
Montezuma, 33,—Wm. A. Bell, Judson Murdock.
Souhegan, 38,—Lewis Fairbanks, J. O. Dix.
Bay State, 40,—Wm. Bassett, Thos. Herbert.
Pacifick, 42,—George Leighton, John E. Short.
King Philip, 44,—Samuel T. Talbot.
Tisquantum, 46,—Lewis Johnson.
Concord, 50,—Lorenzo Eaton.
Mystic, 51.—J. E. Wilder.
Atlantic, 55, John Adams.
Berkshire, 57,—Jas. Ostrander, jr.
Elliot, 58,—Edmund Bacon.
Pilgrim, 75,—Daniel Lara.
Rising Star, 76,—Levi Mann.
Hockomocko, 79,—Cyrus J. Tyrrel.
Mutual Relief, 83,—L. C. Wadleigh.
Neponset, 84,—Edward Holden, Benj. F. Hebard.
Marlboro', 85,—Leander Bigelow.
Lancaster, 89,—John M. Pratt.
Blue Hill, 93,—C. W. Marden.
Lowell, 95,—James Hopkins.
Commercial, 97,—James Perkins.
Mt. Roulstone, 98,—J. M. Gibbs.
Evergreen, 105.—Edward Clark.
Aurora, 107,—J. D. Peirce.
Old Colony, 108,—Josiah W. Talbot.
Chicopee, 115,—R. E. Dewey.

Certificates were presented from the following P. G's, who were not present to receive the P. G. and G. Lodge Degrees, viz :

New England, No. 4,—George W. Fifield.
Bunker Hill, 14 —Francis H. Joy.
Columbian, 29,—Hollis N. Wyeth.
Golden Rule, 65,—James Jaques.
Groton, 71,—J. N. Hoar.
Holten, 104,—Moses Tenney.

A certificate was presented from Groton Lodge, No. 71, certifying that P. G. Geo. J. Smith, had passed the Chairs in Harvard Lodge. The Grand Lodge decided that although Br. Smith was a member of Groton Lodge, said Lodge could not give a certificate of his having passed the Chairs in another Lodge, and that the evidence thereof should be received from the Lodge of which he was a member at the time of his passing the Chairs.

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Massachusetts,	No. 1,	Boston,	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	27	17	321	436	$ 354 25	$ 5 20	$ 191 80	$ 60 00	$ 75 00
Siloam,	" 2,	Boston,	4	1	4	12	..	..	..	1	12	15	372	572	484 24	3 70	440 00	15 00	190 00
Defunct,	" 3.																		
New England,	" 4,	East Cambridge,	2	..	....	..	1	..	..	..	12	20	57	152	149 72	2 20	201 00		
Washington,	" 5,	Roxbury.	3	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	33	50	166 24	2 00	.....	.....	15 00
Defunct,	" 6.																		
Merrimack,	" 7,	Lowell,	3	3	....	..	..	..	..	..	10	20	105	194	197 00	4 00	177 00		
Suffolk,	" 8,	Boston,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	9	20	190	362	584 50	2 90	300 00	50 00	4 00
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	Woburn,	....	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	....	9	44	104	78 93				
Oriental,	" 10	Boston,	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	12	17	129	211	187 55	2 20	320 00	.....	35 00
Mechanics',	" 11,	Lowell,	5	..	2	7	1	..	..		6	10	146	258	62 00	3 10	371 03	45 00	
Bethel,	" 12,	West Cambridge,	1	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	3	14	37	91	52 35	1 30	20 00		
Nazarene,	" 13,	Ware Village,	....	..	....	2	..	..	..	1	15	11	16	67	65 76	1 50	33 60	30 00	10 00
Bunker Hill,	" 14,	Charlestown,	3	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	12	13	157	255	198 57	3 70	216 25	.....	50 00
Tremont,	" 15,	Boston,	3	..	4	6	..	..	2	..	27	9	154	281	324 12	4 20	310 50	15 00	
Covenant,	" 16,	Boston,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	12	51	135	118 86	1 20	128 00		
Middlesex,	" 17,	Malden,	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8	13	60	116	187 28	3 30	88 00	15 00	
Warren,	" 18,	Roxbury,	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	2-	10	102	212	175 47	4 30	68 00	60 00	
Monument,	" 19,	East Lexington,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	4	11	10	52	37 00	40			
Friendship,	" 20,	Cambridgeport,	1	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	82	154	135 75	1 20	61 00	.....	35 00
Fidelity,	" 21	Andover	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	8	9	25	57	65 80	1 30	19 07	15 00	
Howard,	" 22	Charlestown,	5	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	13	11	98	176	160 00	3 80	79 75	.....	105 82
Franklin,	" 23,	Boston,	5	1	....	4	1	..	1	1	34	11	148	239	298 15	6 40	164 00	30 00	41 67
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	Chelsea,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	1	5	12	75	190	139 62	1 00	66 00	30 00	50 00
Boston,	" 25,	Boston,	....	1	....	..	1	..	..	1	16	11	144	256	219 58	2 10	220 00	30 00	66 50
Essex,	" 26,	Salem,	9	..	....	1	..	..	1	..	76	10	216	277	402 05	12 10	91 00	40 00	
Hampden,	" 27,	Springfield,	5	3	1	3	..	1	..	1	81	12	136	216	428 00	12 10	384 22	30 00	
Oberlin,	" 28,	Lowell,	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	12	120	211	314 00	3 20	355 72	.....	63 00
Columbian,	" 29,	Stoneham,	....	..	....	2	..	..	..	..	....	12	20	68	34 00	.....	186 00		
Bethesda,	" 30,	South Boston,	6	..	....	1	..	1	..	..	28	11	123	222	253 90	5 80	217 68	15 00	7 50
Lafayette,	" 31,	Watertown,	1	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	9	21	55	105 55	2 50	45 00	.....	30 00
Ancient Landmark,	" 32,	Boston,	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	18	10	47	88	132 00	3 30	55 00	30 00	
Montezuma,	" 33,	Boston,	3	..	2	3	..	..	1	1	9	10	153	223	420 91	2 40	381 50	60 00	20 00
Hope	" 34,	Methuen,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	9	30	60	35 24	50	28 00	.....	10 00
Prospect,	" 35,	Waltham,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	47	104	115 32	1 56	67 00		

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Maverick,	No. 36,	East Boston,	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	10	91	195	$ 114 80	$ 1 80	$ 70 00	$ 30 00	
Shawmut,	" 37,	Boston,	4	1	....	2	..	..	..	..	11	10	69	112	171 16	3 60	71 00	20 00	$ 62 00
Souhegan,	" 38,	South Reading,	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	8	17	42	31 87	.....	22 00		
Quascacunquen,	" 39,	Newburyport,	11	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	41	9	180	333	452 19	10 60	232 87	.....	103 34
Bay State,	" 40,	Lynn,	2	1	....	..	1	..	..	..	....	9	84	122	91 05	1 50	36 00		
Accushnet,	" 41,	New Bedford,	10	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	38	8	99	147	292 50	8 80	208 28		
Pacifick,	" 42,	Boston,	1	..	....	2	..	..	..	..	19	11	129	170	225 08	2 40	53 43	.....	20 00
Quinsigamond,	" 43,	Worcester,	9	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	54	10	119	235	410 95	10 90	219 00	.....	5 50
King Philip,	" 44,	Taunton,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	19	8	93	116	145 43	2 90	140 00	.....	105 50
Framingham,	" 45,	Saxonville,	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	17	7	32	95	127 39	1 70	55 00	30 00	
Tisquantum,	" 46,	Milford,	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	7	38	105	87 50	60	49 20		
Macedonian,	" 47,	Bedford,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	1	5	5	19	57	28 25	.....	5 00	45 00	
Norfolk,	" 48,	Dorchester,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	31	65	99 31	2 30	16 00		
Veritas,	" 49,	Lowell,	6	1	7	1	..	..	..	..	8	6	61	117	325 23	4 30	143 34	.....	21 50
Concord,	" 50,	Concord,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	6	33	85	49 75	1 20	15 00		
Mystic,	" 51,	Chelsea,	2	2	....	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	21	52	78 00	2 30	14 00	.....	12 00
Agawam,	" 52,	Ipswich,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	33	69	47 12	1 10	40 00		
Hobah,	" 53,	South Boston,	3	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	7	7	55	120	126 09	2 20	61 00		
May Flower,	" 54,	Plymouth,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	17	6	51	81	108 91	3 20	7 00	.....	69 23
Atlantic,	" 55,	Marblehead,	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	100	134	101 93	60	25 00	15 00	50 00
Worcester,	" 56,	Worcester,	3	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	14	7	45	111	153 62	2 90	34 14	15 00	54 50
Berkshire,	" 57,	Pittsfield,	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	30	3	42	75	202 50	7 50	90 02	15 00	25 00
Elliot,	" 58,	Newton Upper Falls,	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	6	19	41	73 20	1 20	38 00	15 00	
Takewambait,	" 59,	Natick,	2	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	6	5	14	52	82 12	1 60	29 00	.....	15 00
Harvard,	" 60	Harvard,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	5	24	50	114 00	1 40	96 00	.....	18 80
Nonotuck,	" 61,	Northampton,	1	3	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	6	74	105	100 97	2 00	76 05		
St. John's,	" 62,	Cabotville,	10	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	4	61	94	278 25	12 20	54 00	.....	20 00
Mount Hope,	" 63,	Fall River,	3	..	....	..	..	1	..	..	45	5	60	84	193 75	6 00	52 85		
Shawsheene,	" 64,	Billerica,	1	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	10	5	15	37	48 75	1 50	12 50		
Golden Rule,	" 65,	Wilmington,	....	..	....	2	..	..	..	..	....	6	9	35	13 62	.....	27 00		
Nantucket,	" 66,	Nantucket,	2	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	71	122	139 25	1 50	107 46	50 00	
Pocomptuck,	" 67,	Greenfield,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	12	5	34	57	85 84	2 20	35 00	15 00	
Harmony,	" 68,	Medford,	5	2	....	..	..	1	..	..	21	5	70	106	142 08	5 60	82 43	.....	50 00
Massasoit,	" 69,	North Bridgewater,	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	4	33	51	55 25	1 50	5 00		
Quinobequin,	" 70,	Dedham,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	38	92	87 00	80	64 00	15 00	

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Groton,	No. 71,	Groton,	1	..	....	..	1	..	..	..	3	5	12	53	$ 78 92	$ 1 30			
North Stoughton,	" 72,	North Stoughton,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	42	67	75 95	2 20	$ 5 00	.....	$ 50 00
Wachusett,	" 73,	Barre,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	5	24	66	54 25	50	.....	$ 15 00	50 00
Woronoco,	" 74,	Westfield	7	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	42	3	60	100	221 81	8 80	15 00	.....	25 00
Pilgrim,	" 75,	Abington	7	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	4	26	62	111 19	4 30	31 00		
Rising Star,	" 76,	Randolph	3	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	3	26	47	133 88	4 00	19 00		
Unity,	" 77,	Boston,	....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9	6	31	60	84 63	90	38 00		
Olive Branch,	" 78,	Charlestown,	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	8	49	73	112 15	2 50	.....	.....	50 00
Hockomocko,	" 79,	Westboro',	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	16	34	25 00	1 00			
Mount Wollaston,	" 80,	Quincy,	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	27	4	56	91	246 00	6 20	117 99	.....	25 00
Weweantit,	" 81,	Rochester, (Sip. Vil.)	7	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	13	43	106 66	4 30	15 00	.....	24 50
Crescent,	" 82,	East Weymouth,	4	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	45	75	70 48	2 00	15 00	.....	25 00
Mutual Relief,	" 83,	Haverhill,	2	..	....	..	1	..	..	..	20	2	39	66	101 85	3 00	.....	15 00	
Neponset,	" 84,	Milton,	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	21	55	61 29	30			
Marlboro',	" 85,	Marlboro',	....	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	38	55 50	1 20	55 00		
Leominster,	" 86,	Leominster,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	25	46	49 72	90			
Excelsior,	" 87,	Foxboro',	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	17	42	80 00	2 60	6 00		
Union,	" 88,	Douglass,	10	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	33	1	38	54	204 85	8 80	6 00		
Lancaster,	" 89,	Lancaster,	....	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	19	3	36	76	127 24	2 40	37 00	.....	50 00
Powow River,	" 90,	Amesbury,	10	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	44	3	35	63	236 75	9 40	27 00	.....	10 67
Ocean,	" 91,	Gloucester,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	31	55	50 38	40	15 00		
Tihonet,	" 92,	Sandwich,	1	..	....	..	..	1	..	1	9	2	28	39	48 17	1 40	34 00	30 00	
Blue Hill,	" 93,	Canton,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	2	33	44	62 80	1 00	.....	.....	10 00
Mount Auburn,	" 94,	Old Cambridge,	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	30	48	70 01	40	20 00	.....	25 00
Lowell,	" 95,	Lowell,	9	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	47	5	42	74	258 25	9 20	23 98	15 00	
Marine,	" 96,	Provincetown,	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	39	95	106 00	5 30	33 00	.....	300 00
Commercial,	" 97,	Boston,	1	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	27	50	70 57	80			
Mt. Roulstone,	" 98,	Fitchburg,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	35	62	63 00	2 60	8 00		
Rising Sun,	" 99,	Medway,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	17	49	52 60	80	3 00		
Oneco,	" 100,	N. Adams,	15	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	39	3	38	74	308 67	11 40	36 00	.....	33 00
Pulaski,	" 101,	Upton,	2	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	13	21	54 90	2 20	23 00	15 00	5 00
Hassanamesitt,	" 102,	Grafton,	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	2	17	44	118 17	3 60	9 00	.....	25 00
Fredonian,	" 103,	Shirley Village,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	2	18	34	32 50	1 50	.....	.....	16 50
Holten,	" 104,	Danvers,	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	2	30	38	26 50	50	10 00		
Evergreen,	" 105,	Holliston,	3	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	2	19	34	88 75	3 00	25 00		

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Blackstone River, No. 106,	Blackstone,	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	2	29	45	$ 114 31	$ 4 60	$ 10 00		
Aurora, " 107,	Attleboro',	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2	55	73	175 09	3 70	43 00		$ 20 00
Old Colony, " 108,	Hingham,	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	2	56	79	137 87	3 50	50 00		
Adelphic, " 109,	Colerain,	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	28	1	25	47	121 66	2 80	12 00	$ 15 00	
Mattakeseit, " 110,	Duxbury,	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	16	25	46 24	1 00	12 00		
Wrentham, " 111,	Wrentham,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	27	32	54 00	1 50	15 00	.....	16 00
Stony Brook, " 112,	N. Chelmsford,	14	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	...	25	32	309 96	12 80	12 00	.....	22 00
Neptune, " 113,	Brewster,	2	7	...	...	...	...	1	...	67	1	15	28	465 55	17 20	.....	.....	12 00
Eagle, " 114,	Hopkinton,	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	1	22	30	88 87	3 20	2 00		
Chicopee, " 115,	Springfield, C. Falls,	23	14	4	...	...	...	...	...	118	...	30	33	595 00	24 30	5 00		11 00
Nonantum, " 116,	Brighton,	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	38	1	15	24	124 60	5 30	.....	.....	
*Marble, " 117,	Stockbridge,	397	87	91	74	9	4	16	17	1815	745	6790	12128	$ 17550 93	$ 405 00	$ 360 66	$ 940 00	$ 246 53

* Marble, No. 117, was instituted the last half of the Quarter; no Report due.

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Names of Officers Elected and Installed for the Term commencing October 1, 1846.

LODGES.		*N. G.*	*V. G.*	*SECRETARY.*	*TREASURER.*	*P. SECRETARY.*
Massachusetts,	No. 1,	S. B. Freeman	S. B. Krogman	A. W. Rand	S. S. Wilson	J. G. Morse.
Siloam,	" 2,	Lewis Wentworth	E. P. Dolbeare, jr.	R. W. Hall	E. W. Edmands	D. T. Harraden.
Defunct,	" 3,					
New England,	" 4,	J. C. Nute	George Johnston	John H. Leighton	N. P. Brooks.	
Washington,	" 5,	Joseph F. Perry	Edward Brinley	Stephen Tucker	Asa Wyman,	
Defunct,	" 6.					
Merrimack,	" 7,	Robert McKinley	Robert Hope	James Dowrey	S C. Ames	Thomas Barr.
Suffolk,	" 8,	E. D. Brigham	J. W. Barton	J. G. Swan,	John Hooper	E. Jacobs.
Crystal Fount,	" 9,	S. Watson Drew	Charles S. Converse	Henry Taylor	Josiah Brown	Cyrus Cummings.
Oriental,	" 10,	Benj. F. Deane	W. B. Kendall	James H. Kendall	Eben. C. Mann.	
Mechanics',	" 11,	Lucius A. Cutler	A. A. Miner	Hargraves Lord	Simon Horton	Asa Hildreth.
Bethel,	" 12,	J. A. Estabrook	Moses Morse	Thos. E. Thorpe	J. H. Shepard,	
Nazarene,	" 13,	Horace F. Clark	W. S. Brackenbridge	Wm. DeWitt	E. S. Brainard	Elisha Sturdevant.
Bunker Hill,	" 14,	David Leavitt	Joseph Wills	Zacheus Rogers	P. S. Briggs	John A. Smith.
Tremont,	" 15,	Joseph Rowe	A. S. Furguson	Thomas D. Morris	Le Roy Hackett	Nathan Morse.
Covenant,	" 16,	Jonathan Pierce	Edwin R. Clark	David Thayer	John Hoppin	D. E. Metcalf.
Middlesex,	" 17,	George P. Cox	Wm. H. Nichols	Joseph Taylor	Artemas Cutler.	
Warren,	" 18,	Joseph Cracklin	William Gaston	Wm. Webb	Thomas Laha	Luther Bullock.
Monument,	" 19,	Joseph Howe	Charles K. Tucker	W. Wellington	Abel E. Bridge	A. W. Bryant.
Friendship,	" 20,	A. Chamberlain	Thomas G. Hovey	Increase Harris	Geo. F. Tarbell	Isaac P. Valentine.
Fidelity,	" 21,	Joseph R. Mellett	Samuel G. Valpey	James F. Mills	Wm. McNamara.	
Howard,	" 22,	Jacob Crowningshield	Henry Lyon	Hiram Whitney	Edward Harding	Francis Sisson.
Franklin,	" 23,	William Marble	Alfred A. Lane	R. R. Taylor	Jos. Chandler	C. G. Wells.
Winnissimmet,	" 24,	Moses Nowell	James Marble	Elijah Endicott	Charles Howard	Philip R. Merriam.
Boston,	" 25,	Fred. P. Ingalls	Annis Merrill	Luther L. Tarbell	Charles H. Pierce	N. Wetherbee.
Essex,	" 26,	John W. Rhoades	Amos Kenfield	Josiah Bradlee	Samuel Smith	Nathl. Goldsmith.
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